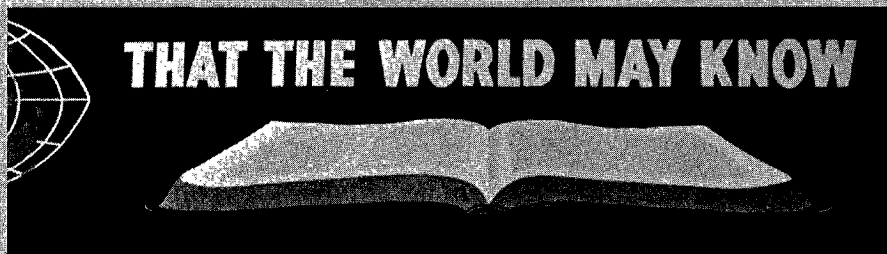
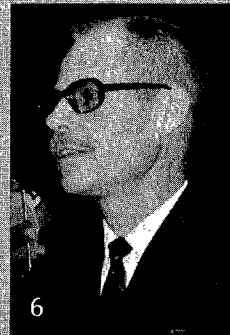


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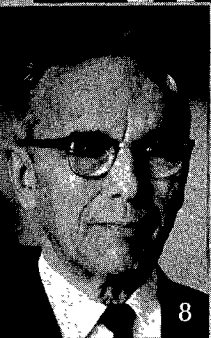
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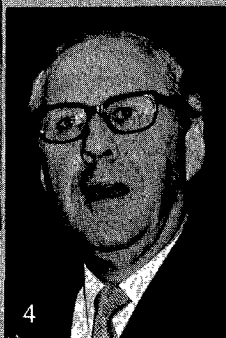
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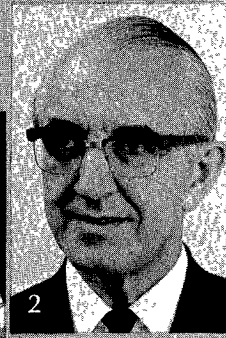
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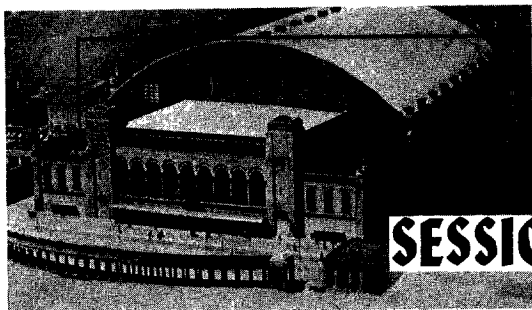
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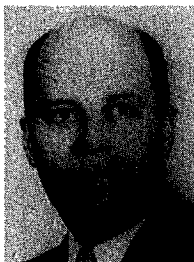


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## SESSION HIGH LIGHTS

By GARLAND J. MILLET



I slipped into a seat at the Atlantic City auditorium. For a few minutes I glanced upward and counted the 336 brilliant lights in the broad-arched ceiling there. I was soon rewarded by hearing a stirring lecture on the home

by R. R. Bietz, vice-president of the General Conference, who challenged the church early Wednesday evening to organize to save the home.

The speaker analyzed the reasons for the breakdown of many homes and urged parents to spend more time with their children. He said that \$382 million offered by the Government for day-care centers could be better spent to keep mothers at home with their children. Elder Bietz urged educators to include more courses on homemaking.

During the evening's music service Brad and Olive Braley of the Voice of Prophecy team were honored. For 25 years their organ and piano playing have moved and blessed audiences throughout the world.

A remarkable announcement was made at the night session. Atlantic City's mayor, William Somers, had issued a proclamation naming June 14-20 Stop Smoking Week in Atlantic City. One of the seven "WHEREASES" told of Seventh-day Adventists' stop-smoking campaigns.

Then the Southern European Division, soon to be renamed, presented its quadrennial report. Acting President W. E. Murray, who had come out of retirement to head the division when Marius Fridlin

stepped out because of illness, handed the keys to his Berne, Switzerland, headquarters' office to C. L. Powers, newly elected president. This division touches three continents and spans 27 European and 28 African countries. Citing the great populations involved, Elder Murray challenged us by saying, "There is much work yet to be done."

The participants, arrayed in native garb, paraded to and from the platform to the accompaniment of recorded church bells.

The theme of Paul Eldridge's report for the Far Eastern Division was "The Far East Is People," but, he added, "They must be gathered one by one."

What a colorful array of people is shown in person and in picture. Twenty-six per cent of the world's Adventist literature evangelists work in the Far East. In this division there were 20,000 baptisms in four years. Who could but be inspired by the presence of church members who have done exploits for God through the years? There on the platform was Dr. Harry Miller, the China doctor, who arrived in Hong Kong in 1903, helped establish 17 hospitals in the Far East, and at present is busily engaged at the age of 91 in raising money for a new hospital in the heart of Hong Kong.

There also stood a former witch doctor named Mundahoi from Borneo. She has won 140 converts to the church since her conversion.

We saw Brother Sumarjono, the sugar refinery worker who was baptized in 1960, and who has brought 500 persons into the church in recent years.

The champion lay preacher of the

world, Urbano Castillo, was presented. He has raised up 26 churches, his efforts resulting in 1,200 baptisms.

This world conference has been noteworthy for its beautiful music, and two of Wednesday evening's renditions were outstanding. A bamboo orchestra played "Stand Up for Jesus," and its resonant tones thrilled all of us. Then the famous King's Heralds sang in a half dozen languages, including English, Indonesian, Chinese, and Japanese, all the same song!

Kenneth H. Wood, editor of the REVIEW AND HERALD, delivered the devotional sermon on Thursday morning. His topic was "The Place of Bible Study in Revival." It is encouraging to note that Bible study brings proximity to God and banishes fear and failure. Furthermore, historical and personal evidence show that deep Bible study tends to produce revival in readers. Persons preoccupied with the themes of God's Word are lifted from worldly thoughts. The mind is wonderfully changed by the Spirit of God. The very soul is opened to "the treasures of the universe."

The General Conference session is twice the length of most conventions held at this auditorium. A patrolman on the boardwalk confided, "What a beehive of activity we have seen here." An auditorium guard in the lobby, describing the press of the crowds, told me, "I just couldn't move." The guards have done their job well, and also the many attendants and other employees of the auditorium. It takes many hands and minds to run a great convention. Carefully laid plans have been expedited with precision, and as a result the fifty-first General Conference has moved smoothly.

At the morning business meeting the details of various trust services were rendered in a report by A. C. McKee to the delegation. He established the fact that God's cause is the best place in which to invest one's means.

The enviable record that the Loma Linda University heart team has made has helped to make Loma Linda University the best known Seventh-day Adventist institution in some parts of the world. President Bieber reported steady progress of the two-campus Loma Linda University and the success of the 516-bed teaching hospital.

At the midday Bible-study hour Leslie Hardinge, of the Pacific Union College Bible department, established "The Certainty of the High Priesthood of Our Lord Jesus."

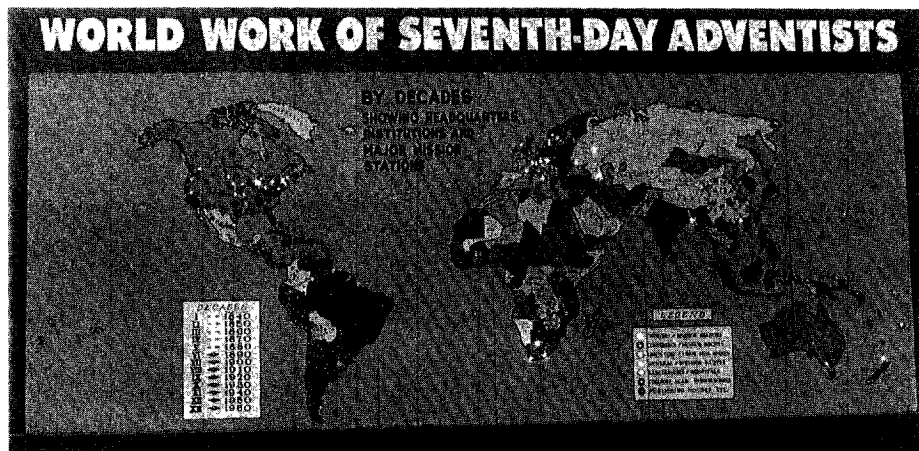
Sometimes in the midst of a deep study an especially apt sentence sticks in the mind. Dr. Hardinge used such a sentence in his introduction when he said, "A sermon is an excuse to talk about Jesus Christ."

One report on Thursday pointed out the vital place of Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Services (SAWS) in meeting the needs of survivors of numerous disasters, including the recent earthquake in Peru, where approximately 60,000 persons are said to have lost their lives.

The business of the day included con-

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The progress of the work of the church is indicated by dots of light on a map that is prominently displayed in the front lobby of Convention Hall during the GC session.





# Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Services

By W. E. PHILLIPS, *President*

When the wires burn hot with news of a hurricane ripping through homes in the Southwestern part of the United States, Seventh-day Adventists may know that shortly thereafter their church will have relief teams on the scene, and disaster-aid vans rumbling down the highways with materials to restore lost comforts and necessities.

When television screens pick up pictures of homes shattered by earthquakes in Turkey, Sicily, Peru, or Venezuela, Seventh-day Adventists know that the people who once lived in those homes will soon find the helping hand of the church extended to them.

Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Services, or SAWS, beams its aid specifically to disaster victims. During the past quadrennium SAWS provided aid to people in 79 countries. Typical were such disasters as floods in Brazil, Pakistan, Mexico, Argentina, Canada, and here in the United States; famines in India and Africa; tornadoes in Kansas, Iowa, Florida; man-made disasters in Vietnam and Korea.

The aid may arrive on the scene in the form of great bales of clothing and bedding, or food, or badly needed equipment to meet emergency situations. Church representatives carefully dispense these supplies without regard for race or religion. The only requirement is need.

During the past quadrennium the value of the relief materials distributed totaled more than \$10.25 million. Of this amount \$3.5 million was the estimated value of bedding and clothing dispensed. More than \$3.1 million worth of food was shipped overseas and given to disaster victims. Medical supplies and equipment totaled another \$3.1 million.

## Close Cooperation With Government

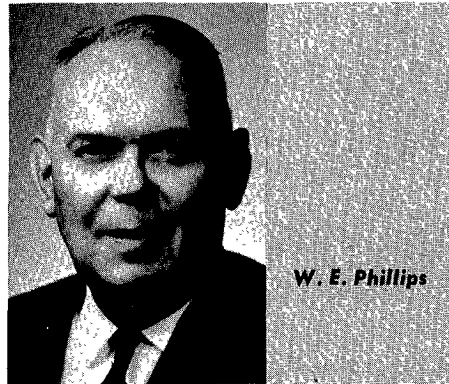
Cooperating closely with SAWS in making such aid possible are two groups—the U.S. Government through AID (Agency for International Development), its overseas relief organization, and the members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

AID lends its help by reimbursing SAWS for shipping costs to specified countries. In 1969 alone the Government provided \$368 million for welfare and emergency relief through such nonprofit organizations. An example of SAWS-AID cooperation is the 460,000 pounds of surplus foods provided by AID but distributed by SAWS representatives in disaster areas abroad.

Local welfare societies of the Adventist Church and their conferences and unions deserve a hearty vote of thanks for

their part in gathering supplies and shipping them to the New York and Monterrey Bay depots for baling and eventual shipment overseas. Without these energetic people the relief program of the church would collapse. During the past four years church members engaged in more than 14 million man-hours to help provide relief for those in need!

In addition to giving of their time, church members contributed a total of \$752,000 in cash plus another \$447,000 in cash specifically beamed to victims of



the civil war in Nigeria, where so many thousands perished of starvation.

The distress of the people of this land still haunts humanity. Since the cessation of hostilities the church has been working to restore its hospital and organizational centers as well as dispensing food and medicines in the war-stricken areas. The gifts of Adventist members have helped make this rehabilitation program possible. S. L. DeShay, a physician at the church's Ahoada Hospital,

reports that clinics care for more than 150 patients daily and that Adventist churches are used as food distribution centers.

## Record Relief Offering

The operation of a worldwide disaster-aid program is not without its problems. Two years ago the high incidence of disasters completely drained the SAWS funds, making it impossible for the church to respond to appeals for help. Since that time members have increased their giving, with the 1969 Disaster and Famine Relief Offering of \$396,000 the largest ever. This special offering is taken only every other year, and funds must be budgeted accordingly. However, it is hard to budget disaster. Nor should the church find it necessary to refuse to respond to imploring hands.

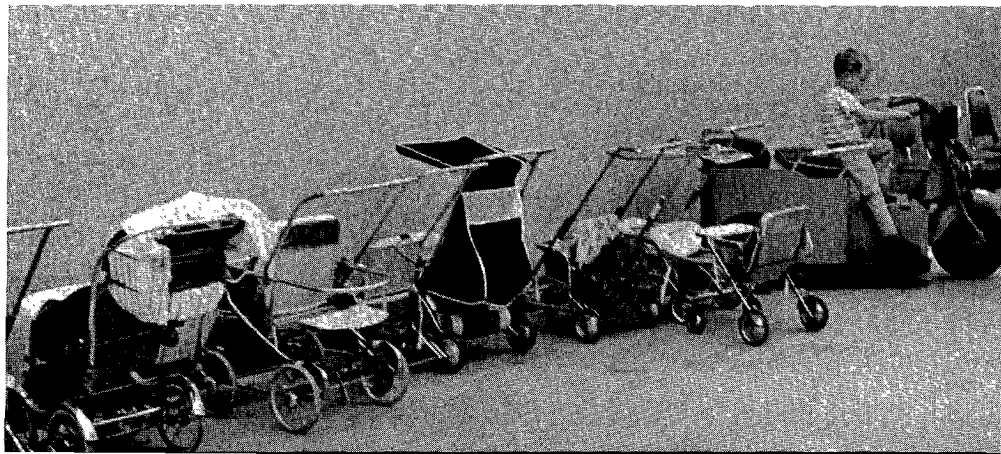
Another problem faces SAWS: people to help process relief materials as they arrive in the coastal depots are in short supply. More detailed processing on the local level can help to solve this problem, and lay activities personnel are working along this line.

Closely linked to the depot processing is a problem of increasingly cramped quarters as the program grows. To solve this problem SAWS board has purchased land adjacent to the New York depot and plans are well in hand for an addition to the existing building.

Yet a fourth problem presents a rather strange aspect. Many times when disasters occur, requests for assistance do not come through to SAWS until many days and even weeks after the event. It is impossible for SAWS to act without knowing the precise need from the field. It is unfortunate for all if SAWS is forced to act too late to be of any real benefit to victims of tragedies. Swift transportation can be and often is arranged in order to fly food, medicines, bedding, and other commodities to stricken areas. But a close liaison with those who stand in the midst of disaster is the goal, that hungry stomachs may be filled before it is too late, that shivering bodies may be warmed, and homeless men, women, and children sheltered when the need is greatest.

This is the purpose of SAWS: to demonstrate that brotherhood of man, that love of Christ which would clothe the naked, feed the hungry, and minister to those that are sick.

**Parking is a problem for everyone in Atlantic City. Here baby strollers are lined up against the wall because they are not allowed on the upper floors. The electric cart used by the session business manager is a real temptation for one young wishtul driver.**



## Trust Services

By A. C. MCKEE, Director

During the past quadrennium, phenomenal growth has been seen in the services extended to our constituency through the legal conference associations and our four General Conference institutions. The response of a willing and dedicated constituency has resulted in a tremendous increase in the writing of gift annuities, *inter vivos* trusts, life-income agreements, and testamentary bequests. Because of this planning, thousands of Seventh-day Adventists are receiving the satisfaction and rewards of a more complete partnership with God. They have planned their entire lives—their day-to-day work, their family security, their church activities, their hopes for tomorrow—in the context of this partnership.

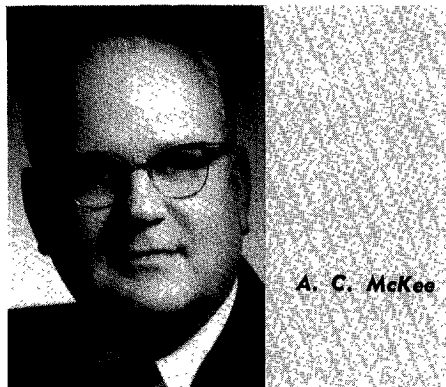
Neither financial statements, statistics, nor graphs are adequate to chronicle the many providential developments associated with this most fascinating and rewarding aspect of God's work. By its very nature, this work does not fully lend itself to the traditional statistical measurement. Rather, it is a combination of long-range planning with the members of Christ's church, who are the stewards of Heaven's resources for a speedy finishing of the mighty task encompassed in the gospel commission.

Since the last General Conference session 51,989 members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church have passed to their rest. God's messenger has written: "There are aged ones among us who are nearing the close of their probation; but for the want of wide-awake men to secure to the cause of God the means in their possession, it passes into the hands of those who are serving Satan. This means was only lent them of God to be returned to Him; but in nine cases out of ten, these brethren, when passing from the stage of action, appropriate God's property in a way that cannot glorify Him, for not one dollar of it will ever flow into the Lord's treasury. In some cases these apparently good brethren have had unconsecrated advisers, who counseled from their own standpoint, and not according to the mind of God."—*Counsels on Stewardship*, p. 323. Through thoughtful, thorough, and dedicated estate planning, multiplied numbers of our constituency have demonstrated that "a Christian is happier today, after planning with Christ for tomorrow."

### A Sound Program

In the year 1965 the General Conference, by Autumn Council action, took a major step in giving new impetus to this important service for our people, by making provision for an estate planning and

investment meeting to be held in Denver, Colorado, in September of 1966. There, conference association and institutional administrators, along with directors of trust services and field personnel, met under the direction of General Conference officers and auditors for a detailed study of the methods and procedures that have made this program a more efficient and effective service in the field. Inter-organizational relationships were studied and guidelines established, bringing into clearer focus the procedures by which the



various denominational organizations and institutions can work together in providing these services to the field.

It was from this meeting that plans were formulated for retaining the legal services of the law firm of Prerau & Teitell, of New York City, to give specialized legal counsel in connection with this very highly technical work. It was here that plans were laid for the establishment of a unitized investment fund, at the General Conference level, to serve the denominational entities. Legally sound trust programs, along with proper accounting procedures and a program of careful investments under the guidelines established by the church, have brought hope and encouragement to our membership.

Under the sponsorship of the General Conference Estate Planning and Investment Counseling Committee, the second national meeting was held in Dallas, Texas, September 7-12, 1969. This meeting included a three-day workshop in trust administration, designed to bring into clearer focus the duties, responsibilities, and liabilities incumbent upon the trustees of our legal organizations in this divinely appointed and rapidly expanding phase of our denominational activity.

The United States Government has, through the years, traditionally encour-

aged private gifts to charitable and philanthropic causes. While the tax aspects of giving are of secondary importance, in 1969 we saw a very real challenge to this traditional attitude of American lawmakers. But we are happy to report that the provisions of the Tax Reform Act of 1969, as enacted into law, have not imposed serious restrictions to the liberal tax incentives for a continuation of conscientious giving to purely charitable and religious causes.

### Service With Security

We are being made increasingly aware of the liberal attitudes of other governments in countries around the world. A number of weeks spent in the Australasian Division during the first quarter of this year pointed up the tremendous potential that lies in the proper development of these services in other parts of the world field.

Our people have learned that one does not have to be wealthy to benefit from the use of trusts, annuities, and life-income agreements, but that such *inter vivos* arrangements bring protection, security, and peace of mind. Wherever we find God's people we find the same motivations for a dedication of their time, their talents, and their means to His service. They recognize that Christ's church has a special mission.

The emphasis that has been placed upon this worldwide program and the challenge of a total stewardship concept have increased current giving and have made it possible for individuals, through a wide range of trust services, to make certain that their accumulated assets will provide the necessary security for their needs during life and then continue to work for the upbuilding of God's kingdom far beyond the span of the trustor's years.

### Investments and Soul-winning

In the Seventh-day Adventist Church around the world, outstanding growth and expansion is seen in every phase of soul-winning activity. A great evangelistic thrust has resulted in rapid growth in church membership during this past quadrennium, resulting in a tremendous need for new churches, elementary schools, academies, and the expansion of our colleges and universities.

The rapidly expanding facilities of our medical institutions, the Voice of Prophecy, Faith for Today, and the Christian Record Braille Foundation are a vital witness to the blessings of God upon these soul-winning agencies within our church. When our people invest in programs that help make more such soul-winning facilities possible for the future not only are they caring for the needs of the church but they are making provision for spiritual dividends that will last throughout eternity.

As the statistics of future years reflect the resulting maturities, tremendous resources will be made available for a more rapid finishing of the work commissioned to the remnant church.

## Session High Lights

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sideration of items in the *Church Manual*. Most of the nominations from the nominating committee were readily accepted. However, a special committee was formed to study the inclusion of national workers at the division level.

I turn from the day's meetings with satisfaction and many, many impressions. There was the heart-warming music, including the strains from the mighty Midmer-Losh, largest and only seven-manual organ in the world, with enough wire to stretch five times around the globe. I recall with admiration the fabulous division reports with their pictures, lighting effects, costumes, and music.

Today I interviewed a minister, John Baerg, who told a wonderful story of his Mennonite family in Russia in days gone by; how the family migrated to Siberia to save their lives, and thence to North America and South America; how Harry Baerg, the artist, Orley Berg, the minister, John Baerg, and other members of the family independently found the truth. Several of them met here at the General Conference.

Not only the vast dimensions of the auditorium will be remembered but the greatness, precision, and dynamic nature of this great conference, friendships renewed, the inspiration of the services, the challenges presented, the friendliness of Atlantic City, the bigness of our movement, and the greatness of the task.

I thought of how adjustable our workers must be to change. Some families who came to the conference with homes and connections on one continent will leave, having been assigned to new posts across the world. Others will be moved from place to place within their own divisions. All of this is with the one purpose of completing the unfinished task so that we may go home with Jesus when He comes.

In another 48 hours the fifty-first General Conference session will be history, but the memories and the melodies will linger forever.



Olive Braley, of the Voice of Prophecy, gives a reading at Wednesday evening service.



A member of the Swiss delegation runs in the hall to an appointment.



Norma Japas and Judy and Terry Vine, from the Mid East, participated in junior Sabbath school.



J. M. Curnow, publishing secretary of the Southern Asia Division.

## Partial Report of Nominating Committee

At the twelfth business meeting held Thursday morning, June 18, the nominating committee placed the following persons in nomination for the offices designated:

### General Conference

General Field Secretaries: G. M. Hyde, V. M. Montalban, C. E. Moseley, Jr., C. J. Nagele, E. W. Pedersen.

Associate Auditor; (Referred to General Conference Committee.)

Lay Activities Department, Associate Secretary: M. T. Battle.

Department of Health, Associate for Doctor Recruitment, etc.: (Referred to General Conference Committee.)

Public Affairs and Religious Liberty, Associate Secretaries: R. R. Hegstad, W. M. Adams.

Sabbath School Department, Associate Secretaries: R. Curtis Barger, B. J. Liebelt, L. B. Reynolds.

YPMV, Associate Secretary: Michael Stevenson.

Stewardship and Development, Associate Secretary: P. G. Smith.

### Far Eastern Division

Sabbath School Secretary: W. M. Clements.

### Southern European Division

Lay Activities, Sabbath School, Public Relations: Samuel Monnier. Stewardship and Development: L. Ayr.

At the thirteenth business meeting held Thursday afternoon, June 18, 1970, the nominating committee placed the following persons in nomination for the offices designated:

### General Conference

Lay Activities Department, Associate Secretary: L. A. Shipowick.

Temperance Department, Associate Secretary: G. T. Bertochini.

YPMV Department, Associate Secretary: L. S. Ranzolin.

### Inter-American Division

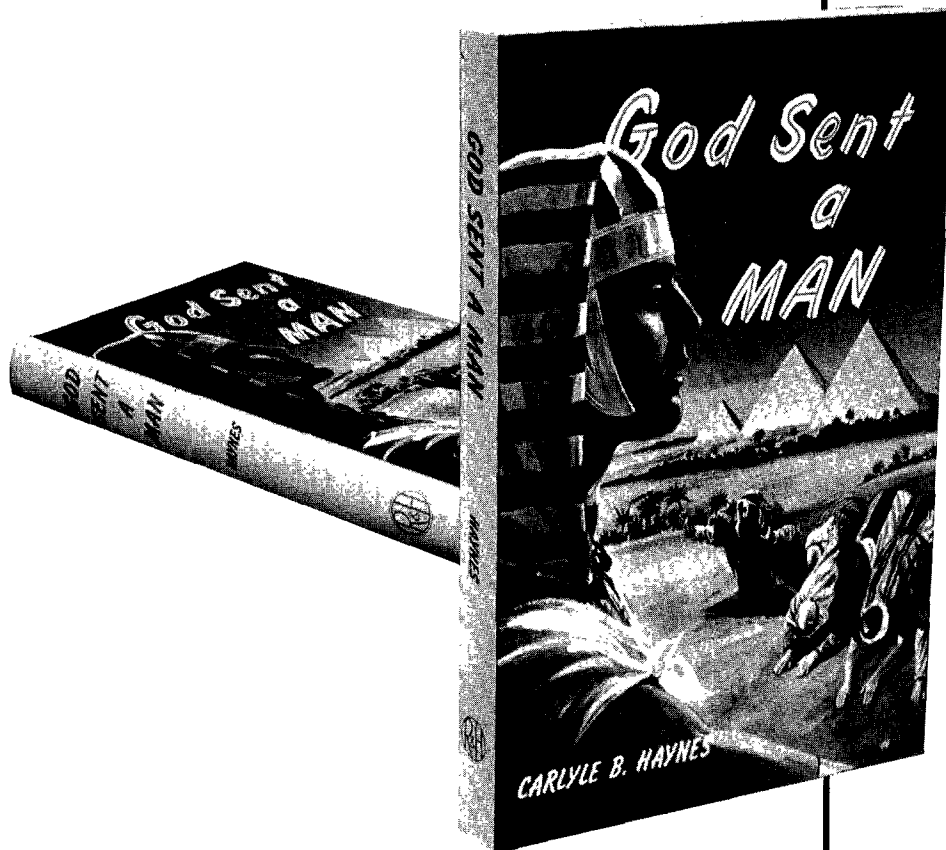
Auditor: R. R. Drachenburg.

Unfinished business: Voted that all unfinished business be referred to the General Conference Committee and the respective division committees.

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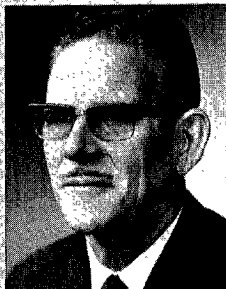
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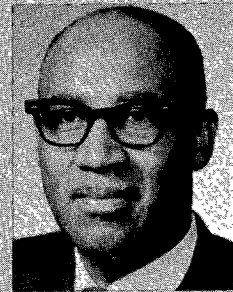
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# Proceedings of the General Conference

Fifty-first Session, June 11-20, 1970

## Twelfth Business Meeting

June 18, 1970, 9:15 A.M.

CHAIRMAN: W. J. Hackett.

HYMN: THEME SONG, "That the World May Know."

SCRIPTURE READING: John 14:1-3, Negash Motbainor, president, Northwest Ethiopia Mission.

PRAYER: Dr. Percy Paul, president of Kingsway College, Canada.

SPECIAL SONG: Eugene Carter sang "Deep River."

W. J. HACKETT: We welcome you to another business session. Our first item of business this morning is an addition to our delegation. A. E. Gibb, our secretary, will bring the report to us.

A. E. GIBB: The committee on the seating of additional delegates has a name to present. [The name of Leroy Leiske from the Southwestern Union Conference was read and voted.]

W. J. HACKETT: We present to you R. R. Bietz, vice-president of the General Conference and chairman of the Loma Linda University board.

R. R. BIETZ: We want a school of the highest order

—A school "where the word of God will be regarded as essential."

—A school "where obedience to its teaching will be taught."

—A school that "demands the best Bible teacher we can supply."

—A school where we will have "the wisest talent."

—A school for "youth who have clear convictions of their duty."

—A school "conducted on the principles of the ancient schools of the prophets."

—A school where young people can "obtain a medical education that will enable them to pass the examinations required by law." Loma Linda "is to be not only a sanitarium, but an educational center."

In this unmistakably clear language Ellen White has spoken about Loma Linda, which institution has now developed into the largest educational center of the church.

Standing at the head of this large institution is David J. Bieber.

[The report of Loma Linda University appears on page 11 of this Bulletin.]

[President Bieber called on Drs. James Matheson and Larry Miller to tell of their volunteer mission service during their training at Loma Linda University.]

JAMES MATHESON: During my senior year in dental school I had the privilege of going to the Monument Valley Mission Dental Clinic. This is a land that has been plagued by spiritual and physical disease, where superstition and witchcraft have abounded. This is truly a mission field right in America's back yard.

The Indians have very poor dental health due to an insufficient diet, which is composed mainly of mutton and coffee. To meet their need the School of Dentistry has established the Monument Valley Mission Dental Clinic. Each month two senior dental students are sent to the clinic to administer to the needs of the Navajos, and they are supervised by two Dental School staff members. It is a privilege and a valuable opportunity to grow professionally, spiritually, and to experience true missionary life.

Our clinic offers virtually the only dental care available to the Navajos. It has six dental operatories, equipped to handle all the dental needs of the Navajo Indians.

Each month a group goes out to an area called Navajo Mountain. It is a remote area where the inhabitants can't get regular dental and medical care. We render care to these people with portable equipment.

Each Sabbath morning we go out and pick up the families at their hogans and bring them in to the clinic, to church, where they worship.

The Monument Valley program renders a priceless service to the Navajo tribe, and the tribe greatly appreciates Loma Linda's contribution.

LARRY MILLER: I spent my elective time during my senior year with the university heart-surgery team. This team is a new concept of service to the world. We feel that by bringing twentieth-century medicine, with its latest advances in modern technique, to parts of the world where the need is the greatest, we will be doing the greatest service possible with our medical knowledge.

We went to Athens, Greece, last October, where we did 31 surgeries. Thirty-one lives would otherwise have been lost for the lack of technical knowledge.

In Greece, activity of the church is restricted. But as a result of the work of the heart team there, prejudice has been broken down considerably. The leaders of that country are eager that the heart team return.

D. J. BIEBER: We salute the heart team of Loma Linda University. And now we present Elder Pierson, a strong supporter of Loma Linda University.

ROBERT H. PIERSON: I don't suppose we have any institution that is more complex from the standpoint of administration than Loma Linda University. We appreciate the effective manner in which our administrators lead this university. It has made a worldwide contribution in supplying not only denominationally employed workers but also strong, capable laymen. I want our leaders here representing the worldwide church to know that we have confidence in the administration and staff at Loma Linda. Loma Linda faces some

real problems as you can understand. I would like to encourage all of you to join the General Conference in standing behind Loma Linda that it may be the type of university to which Seventh-day Adventists can point with pride.

W. J. HACKETT: Elder Pierson will now bring us a word from China.

ROBERT H. PIERSON: I'm sure that all of us think frequently about our believers in China, and although we do not have much contact with them, we know God has not forgotten them. I think it would be appropriate for us to stand for a special word of prayer, and while I pray audibly, each of you may pray silently for our believers in the great land of China.

PRAYER: Blessed Lord, this morning our minds go to many countries, representatives from which are not with us here today. We know that Thy great heart yearns over each of Thy children wherever he may live. We think frequently of the believers in China, and we earnestly pray that Thou wilt be with them. Bless them, encourage them, strengthen them, guide them, and may they feel the everlasting arms supporting them. Someday we have faith that we will hear that there have been many more who have found the Lord Jesus Christ as a result of their witness. Help us all during the days ahead to uphold them in prayer. And when the work of God is finished and Jesus comes, may there be multiplied millions not only from China, but from all around the world who will be ready to meet Thee in the clouds of heaven. We ask this in Jesus' precious name. Amen.

W. J. HACKETT: There is one item in regard to the new division and the division staff that Elder Pierson would like to speak about for a moment.

ROBERT H. PIERSON: You will recall that when the formation of this new division was authorized as few days ago, the date of January 1, 1971, was set as the time for its commencement.

After studying the administration of the Middle East Division very carefully, the officers recommend that the new division come into existence as of July 1, 1970. Brother Chairman, I would like to move this. [Voted.]

W. J. HACKETT: We are asking K. H. Emmerson, our General Conference treasurer, to introduce a group on the platform this morning.

K. H. EMMERSON: Thank you, Brother Chairman. We are going to bring you a report of our Legal Association and the Trust Services. This is a very important function. At this time A. C. McKee will bring us the report of this service.

[The report appears on page 4 of this Bulletin.]

[The chairman returned the program to D. J. Bieber, who introduced the members of the administrative staff of Loma Linda University: Howard B. Weeks, vice-president for public relations and development; R. J. Radcliffe, vice-president for financial affairs; Tracy Teel, vice-president for student affairs; Charles Smith, dean, School of Dentistry; Ralph Koorrenny, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; Willard Meyer, dean of the School of Education; Marilyn Christian, dean, School of Nursing; Graham Max-

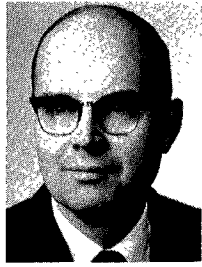
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# We Have a Priest Forever

Message at Bible Study Hour, June 18, 10:45 a.m.

By LESLIE HARDINGE



An artist cannot paint a rainbow. No sculptor can express a mother's love. Even the symbols in the sanctuary but dimly portray our lovely Jesus. Yet notice the shadows they cast of our Saviour.

Observe the court. The door is Christ.

By the copper altar see God's Lamb, bound and dying. His blood atones. Flames of wrath clutch at the victim burning there. The laver's fount is open for all filthiness. By fire of perpetual sacrifice, by knife-spilled blood, by water from the riven Rock, your sin may be removed. Justification by faith—this is the message of the court.

Step into the holy place. The veil through which you pass is Christ. The lamp and table tell of fellowship with God. Nearest the inmost veil the golden altar of perpetual intercession blends its fragrance with man's prayers. Each is pointing a finger toward Christ. He is the lamp that sheds the light of life to point the way. He is the bread and wine that give you strength to walk. His merits form the incense that perfumes the atmosphere in which we pilgrims trudge the path to God. Sanctification by faith—this is the message of the holy place.

Pass into the inmost shrine. The door again is Christ. The Holiest gleams with ark and cherubim and Shekinah glowing as of God's serene and sacred presence. Look toward this mercy throne. One day we shall share it with our Lord. Glorification by grace—this is the message of the place Most Holy.

Yet these types speak only with a stammering tongue. In all their chorus one note is missing. Christ's tenderness and sympathy must have a living sign. Only a human heart can human love convey; only a lover's voice a lover's love awaken. To satisfy this need Jehovah taught a man to serve. Spirit divine, now touch our eyes. For in this priest we sense our Jesus pleading in His love.

Long ago God drew aside the veil to teach men truth. Melchizedek was Messiah's mediator in salvation's history's earliest dawn. He was a common man and yet a king. His scepter was no sword, but righteousness and peace ruled in his court. This stranger from old Salem's hills blessed the faithful patriarch Abraham with bread to feast his soul and wine to seal his covenant of love. His order points to Christ Himself. Our Priest is covenant maker. Christ's heart must beat in sympathy with human woe. So Mary's womb was portal to His life of love. With hand divine He grasps the

throne of God, and with His nail-marred human hand He clasps His earth-bound brethren to His heart. The Priest is man's one link with God. Our Priest is God and man.

God's earliest priest lacked pedigree. No records of his parents graced genealogies of scribes. Humble, anonymous, yielded to God, the Canaanite came to bless. And so came One whose own received Him not and from new Salem's hills He pours cataracts of blessing on faithful pilgrims everywhere.

God wished the father of each family to act as priest. But many firstborn fathers failed. Then God called His slaves from Egypt. With cloud and flame He led His host until by Sinai's mount the serried septs were camped. Their leader climbed the rugged slopes to learn the secrets of his Lord. But while he there conversed with God, God's people in the vale forgot. They made, and then adored, a calf of gold. When he returned and saw what Israel did, Moses smashed the tablets of the law. By flagrant sin frail Israel had this law already broken up.

The idol calf was crushed. The sinning people drank this dust, and so became the prison for their god! Then Moses stood and cried, "Who is on the Lord's side?" The guilty sinners, terrified, stood still. One tribe was blameless. "And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him." Next Moses prayed and Aaron, Levi's son, who led in sin, became one of God's saints. Forgiven most, he loved most fervently. Because of this the service of Jehovah's shrine was granted him. The priest must sympathize with sinners' needs and then supply the balm in tenderest care. My soul, read Jesus in this type.

## Divinely Selected

Note well this summons into ministry. No man selects God's priest. He heeds the call. Christ "glorified not himself to be made an high priest," but obeyed. He came to die the sinner's death, and now He ever lives to plead. Observe the guardian at this priesthood's gate. "Who-soever . . . hath any blemish, let him not approach to offer the bread of his God." This rubric beams on Christ. His righteousness is framed in law. His glory dims the blazing sun. He is "holiness to the Lord."

The sons of Levi lived where God decreed. While Israel traveled in the wilderness they formed the frontier of the sacred square within which stood the tent of God. And in the Promised Land the priests possessed no property. Their lot was that of pilgrims in this world. And so was Christ's. He guards His host. Neither land is His nor gold nor silver,

though He is Maker of it all. His service to His God and to His fellow men was His reward.

By God's decree a ceremony set apart the priest. (See Leviticus 8.) He was "taken" by God's choice and "brought" to minister. Christ too was captured by God's will and, unresisting, came to serve. The candidate stripped himself. So did our blessed Lord. Heaven's glorious raiment He put off to don the habit of us sinners here. The priest was "bathed" in water from the fountain opened in the Rock. He could not cleanse himself. The Undeiled of God is mirrored in this humbling rite.

The sacerdotal wardrobe was flung wide, and garments of "glory and beauty" were there exposed. "Everything connected with the apparel and deportment of the priests was to be such as to impress the beholder with a sense of the holiness of God, the sacredness of His worship, and the purity required of those who came into His presence."—*Gospel Workers*, p. 173. Perfection was their portrait of the Christ.

## Linen Robes

The substance of these robes arrests our eye. They point to Jesus, Mary's Son. Linen was first garnered in the fields of earth. The dust supplied its stuff. The relentless sickle reaped; the unremitting maul thrashed out its fibers fine; the spinner tortured it into thread; the weaver's beam oft beat; the hot sun bleached; and hands of woman made it snowy lawn. The unseen mines cast up fine gold and jewels rare. Fire melted and the hammer disciplined the metal into form. The lapidary's stone then shaped the gems, and so the rocks grew into richest flowers of light.

The selfless lamb provided his best gift of softest wool, and rainbow splendors cast rich dyes to distaff and to loom. The Master Artist framed the whole with Heaven's skill. And so rich garments were tailored with rare meaning for the pensive heart. My soul, read all these signs of Christ in Spirit's light. Our High Priest bears the dust of man to God's eternal throne.

To cover Aaron's nakedness linen clothes were made. Breeches round his loins, robe from shoulders to his feet, brodered sash and turban for his head were of the whitest white. These picture Christ. His goodness is the basis of His life. Our Priest clothes man with righteousness.

Above the linen coat an azure robe was draped. This is the vestment of the Bridegroom-Priest. Its length reached just below his knee. The "blue" color reminds us of God's law. Woven in one piece, it never must be rent. Christ's obedience was without a break. This robe of blue had yet a richer fringe. Its hem was hung with pomegranates and gold bells. The stuff of which the fruit was made was like the veils, which tell of Christ's humanity.

Their blood-bathed seeds speak of His fruitfulness. Next listen to the hymn sung by the bells. Their substance is of purest gold, "of faith that works by love." Each bell sings with a separate tongue. The High Priest stirs, their chorus peals the

news to all. But these soft notes bring only joy to those who cluster near. "And his sound shall be heard when he goeth in unto the holy place before the Lord, and when he cometh out." From Olivet our High Priest entered in before His God and ours. The golden bells on Pentecost carillon the song on wings of the "rushing, mighty wind." And so upon our Priest's obedience stand richest fruitfulness and sweetest witness.

Upon this sapphire robe the ephod next was placed. This double apron reached down to his knees both back and front. It is the livery of ministry. Only on the basis of Christ's perfect obedience could the priest serve sinners righteously. The ephod, too, was of substance like the veils. As man Christ came a servant. The ephod was bound at his shoulders with two jewel clasps; the onyx stones tell of his strength. Upon the durable surface of these rocks the names of Israel's sons were deeply etched.

This symbol points to Christ our Priest. Upon His shoulders, to His Father's fold, He bears every repentant believing sheep once lost in sin. What precious words these gold-cased onyx rosters tell! Comfort! Encouragement! Power! Support! The name of every child of God is chiseled there. Does your great High Priest bear you upon His mighty shoulders now?

#### Complete in Him

About the ephod a "golden" sash of rainbow hues is bound. This girdle was around his "heart." John saw his chiefest Priest, "like unto the Son of man, . . . girt about the paps with a golden girdle." "Paps," croon of mother's loving breasts. The infant's life needs nothing more. Child of God, your High Priest, girded, comforts and sustains. In Him we are replete, in Him complete.

And all these vestments were the backdrop for a foursquare jeweled symbol of the government of God. To picture this, Bezaleel made the breastplate beautiful. Its substance points to Christ's humanity. Its form, a square, was measured by a human hand. The hand is Christ's. My soul, take courage in this sign. None can pluck you from your High Priest's grasp.

The borders of this foursquare cloth were bound with walls of jeweled gold; three stones were on each side. These gems will gleam within apocalyptic walls. The Holy City, like old Israel's camp, and like the breastplate in God's shrine, was planned foursquare. Around the camp were mustered Israel's tribes. Each separate tribe was noted, too, upon the breastplate walls by jewel signs. These tribes themselves are signs. "Abraham's seed" embrace the race of saved men everywhere. All who one day enter into Zion's peace must pass some tribe-inscribed gate. Your High Priest has your home upon His heart.

Within the breastplate's jeweled walls 12 other precious stones were "set" in purest gold. One gem was incised with one tribal name. Their order was of pilgrim's journey to the Promised Land. God chose the rock foundation for each tribe. "Every stone had its special significance, bearing its important message from God."—*Evangelism*, pp. 379, 380.

"Stone" signs of Christ. He is our Rock! And all these rainbow gems point up to Him. Their colors catch the glory of the Sun who is our righteousness and then they let their "light so shine." The sapphire and the agate's blue ray tells of law; the golden topaz, faith. The blue and gold commingled bring us to the fields of living green where plasma and peridot and emerald sing of hope. The crimson of ruby and flesh hues of sard sob of sin for which His blood atonement makes. And when the red of His humanity and the blue of His divine obedience are married into one we see our glorious Priest in amethystine purple clad. The onyx and zircon are light with purity and in the sardonyx the white and scarlet are separate and yet one. Each stone has now its message from the throne of God.

The substances of these jewels have "special significance." Their birth is of the earth. Seven trace their lineage to sand. Others are gendered by clay. Their stuff is plentiful and everywhere abounds. But not as stones of treasured worth. The altered jewels beautiful are parables of grace. The commonest of men have destiny with God. By alchemy unknown sand and clay are turned to gems. Men only guess how this is done. Earthiness gives place to star dust. And common man becomes a child of light. The grace of God's High Priest transforms. The sinner then becomes a saint; the bastard is accepted as a son. Man, lower than the angels made, is placed on God's own throne, a brother of the King.

The stuff of these rich rocks was once in solution. But then the crystals formed, and gems were born. So men are changed into the sons of God. When crystals form they follow law. Their shape is warped when other crystals form too near. Independence is the secret of their perfect growth in subservience to the laws of God. So may we grow in grace and in the knowledge of God.

#### Borne Through Life's Storms

Each tribe reflects the light as a jewel on the heart of the High Priest. Each separate gleam adds to the fullness of the light and makes aglow the splendor to the whole. Our Christ upon His bosom bears the name of every child of God. His light shines from His jewels here on earth which He will one day gather to Himself. My soul, is your place on His heart, letting your light so shine that He is glorified? And when the High Priest moves into the Holiest He will carry you there. Your name is carved in Rock. Upon your Saviour-Priest's own-shoulder and on His heart you may be borne through the storms of life.

And then upon the High Priest's head a turban of pure white, and golden crown inscribed "Holiness," is bound with cord of blue. Age and wisdom thus are shown of One who is your king. His regalia is now complete. The basis of white linen His character displays and shows us what He is. Upon this His uniform of service rests to show us what He *does*. My soul, have eyes alone for Him and see God's holy Son-Priest ministering for you.

The vested priest was set apart to serve. Oil was poured upon his head and ran

down to his feet. "The crown of the anointing oil of his God is upon him." And so the Spirit set apart God's Priest upon the day of Pentecost. Then a sacrificial ram is brought and slain. Its blood is splashed on the high priest's ear, and thumb, and toe. He hears and works and walks where blood directs. And on this blood on ear and hand and foot more oil is put. The ram is Christ Himself. His blood marks all man does, and sanctifies it to a service heaven-endorsed by Spirit power. And now the climax of this consecration act is reached. The priest extends his open hands to be "filled" with the slain lamb and broken bread.

My soul, see Jesus in this type. He hears the voice of God and cry of forlorn sheep through blood-marked ears. His hands are stained by nails. His feet leave crimson footsteps marking out the way to God. And in His hands He holds for you the bread that is His body broken for your life. O God, how we love Thee for Thy love to us in giving Christ to be our consecrated priest before Thy throne forevermore.

#### A Priest Forever

And now our Priest mediates for us. The temple of His service is wide open still. Upon His heart of love He bears you tenderly. In His hands the bread of life He holds. The day of His atoning declines now in the west. His task is almost done. His blood appeals. The Spirit woos. His voice cries out, "Is it nothing to you what I have done?" We have a Priest forever. Give yourself to Him now.

"And didst Thou love the race that loved not Thee?"

And didst Thou take to heav'n a human brow?  
Dost plead with man's voice by the marvellous sea?  
Art Thou his kinsman now?

"O God, O kinsman loved, but not enough!

O Man, with eyes majestic after death,  
Whose feet have toiled along our pathways rough,  
Whose lips drawn human breath!

"By that one likeness which is ours and Thine,

By that one nature which doth hold us kin,  
By that high heaven where, sinless,  
Thou dost shine,  
To draw us sinners in;

"By Thy last silence in the judgment hall,

By long foreknowledge of the deadly tree,  
By darkness, by the wormwood and the gall,  
I pray Thee, visit me.

"Come, lest this heart should, cold and cast away,

Die ere the Guest adored she entertain—  
Lest eyes that never saw Thine earthly day  
Should miss Thy heavenly reign."

# Loma Linda University

By DAVID J. BIEBER, *President*

Students, teachers, and administrators at Loma Linda University are conscious of two major imperatives: (1) a divine mandate to carry the gospel of Christ to mankind, and (2) a sobering inner constraint to live lives that have meaning and yield fulfillment.

These concerns, proper to and inherent in an institution conceived and founded to perform a unique service for a distinctive movement, assume staggering proportions against the backdrop of a world society infected with fear, threatened by dissolution, and convulsed in strife.

Challenged to re-identify our objectives and determine clearly our role, all of us at Loma Linda during this past academic year, from trustees to students, have participated in thought, discussion, and planning in order to understand and execute God's strategy for the seventies.

I think I speak for all when I say that we face the future with courage and with the confidence born of the knowledge that we are guardians or conservators of a trust of infinite worth. We find strength in the realization that our objectives are those of a people whose faith and hope are fixed on the future.

Developments that have greatly affected the university since the last quadrennial session include bringing to completion the consolidation of all aspects of education for medicine and the allied health professions on the Loma Linda campus; completion of the new medical center facilities for patient care, teaching, and research; continuing upgrading of academic standards; and unification with the former La Sierra College.

The corporate self-study involved in the comprehensive planning program undertaken during the past academic year has tended to move in a down-to-earth direction by which programs that relate closely to the historic mission of the church may be strengthened and those that lack relevance curtailed.

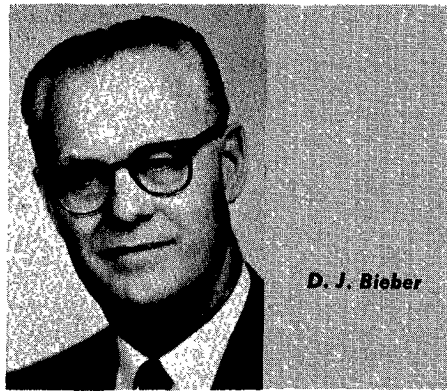
## Increase in School of Medicine

Our response to the urgency of current needs is seen in a substantial increase in the number of students admitted to the School of Medicine. The freshman class entering this August will number 128, the largest in our history. We look forward to freshman classes of approximately 150 in the near future.

Personnel from our Schools of Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing, and Public Health lend assistance to other nations as they develop and improve professional competence. The mission of the heart team to Greece and the project to develop a residency affiliation in Peru are examples.

Developing nations of the world welcome personnel who are prepared to teach and demonstrate methods and principles of preventive medicine. Our new School of Health, the fourteenth to be founded in the United States, now offers advanced degrees in a variety of programs for this worldwide purpose. Each year an increasing number of missionaries enroll for courses that will help fit them for effective service in emerging nations.

Adventist medical institutions express urgent need for paramedical personnel. To meet this demand our School of Health Related Professions works dili-



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gently to help prepare highly qualified youth for specialized technical and therapeutic services.

To help meet the ever-present worldwide shortage of nurses, we offer the baccalaureate and the associate degree programs in nursing. Classes in vocational nursing prepare auxiliary personnel to help relieve the overload. The graduate program in nursing is offered to enable those who teach, supervise, and administer to prepare themselves adequately for these responsibilities.

Graduates of our School of Dentistry now extend service to overseas mission fields. The accommodations of this teaching facility are urgently in need of being extended to meet the need for increase in the number of admissions to dentistry and to the auxiliary programs in dental hygiene and dental assisting (the two latter offered for the baccalaureate and the associate degrees).

The College of Arts and Sciences is studying ways to help undergraduate students to understand the traditions, thoughts, acts, and meaning of humanity, and of God in human affairs, and thus to prepare students intellectually, philosophically, and practically to meet human need. Various new facilities have been necessary to accommodate an in-

creasing number of students, and construction on a new library, the center of an institution of learning, is to begin soon. Students who are interested in preparing for the ministry have made an excellent record in scholarship, motivation, and spiritual commitment—and the same can be said for students representing other fields of interest in the church.

The new School of Education focuses on the needs of Christian education. Sixty candidates from this school were graduated by the university in 1969, with all but one employed in Seventh-day Adventist church schools, and the number will be equal or exceeded during 1970. Students who earn advanced degrees and qualify for teaching credentials through this school serve in education institutions throughout the world field.

## The Graduate School

The Graduate School, proceeding on the assumption that the purpose of education is to assist man, as Milton phrased it, "to know God aright," endeavors to help the student not only to achieve both broad and detailed mastery of his field of study but also to participate in the studies and research by which knowledge is gained. This is a responsibility that no educational institution can afford to shirk and expect to survive in this era of increase of knowledge.

Briefly on other fronts: Our extension division has enrolled more than 2,000 students in classes throughout southern California and abroad in programs expected to be useful in communicating the philosophy of the church. Our teachers in religion are continually pressed by student requests for extracurricular classes, presentations, and dialog. Hundreds of hospital personnel endeavor to exemplify, as they care for the sick in our 516-bed hospital, the love that Christ sought to teach and to demonstrate. Teachers, physicians, and research scientists join in searching for new insights and new modalities by which to serve national and international health programs (such as the White House Conference on Nutrition).

## Positive Student Action

Much can be said to reflect what is happening on the student front. Authentic, student-led spiritual revivals have taken place on both campuses, and action follows commitment in student-led evangelistic programs for teen-agers. Thus, renewed awareness of the mission of our church has resulted in widespread positive action among our students.

Approximately 500 students participate regularly in volunteer community service programs: medical and dental clinics, tobacco and drug education teams, recreation, tutoring and big-brother projects, to name a few. Other students participate in environmental education programs. A new two-campus broadcasting system blankets inland southern California with full-time student-involved programming seven days a week.

Last year 60 student missionaries went into overseas service from all Adventist educational institutions in North Amer-



ica. This year Loma Linda University alone will send that many or more. These students, carefully screened and selected by the student body and the faculty, enter the undertaking on an elective basis, clearly with a disposition toward service to God and man.

Erich Fromm, one of the most sensitive writers of our time, has said in *The Revolution of Hope* (1968): "The general aim of a humanized industrial society can be thus defined: the change of

the social, economic, and cultural life of our society in such a way that it stimulates and furthers the growth and aliveness of man rather than cripples it; that it activates the individual rather than making him passive and receptive; that our technological capacities serve man's growth. If this is to be, we must regain control over the economic and social system; man's will, guided by his reason, and by his wish for optimal aliveness, must make the decisions."—Page 100.

## Twelfth Business Meeting

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well, director of the Division of Religion; Robert Osmunson, associate dean for admissions, La Sierra College; Joan Coggin, of the faculty of the School of Medicine; Oliver Jacques, director of university relations.]

W. J. HACKETT: The nominating committee is ready with another report. [The partial report is found on page 5 of this Bulletin.]

A. E. GIBB: We have a further report from the plans committee on *Church Manual* amendments.

[Further resolutions from the plans committee were considered, and after some discussion were adopted. These resolutions appear on page 23 of this Bulletin. It was agreed during the discussion that in editing a new edition of the *Church Manual* the word *conference* might be replaced by *local field* where the sense seems to make that preferable.]

W. J. HACKETT: At this time the chairman of the nominating committee will present a report.

W. J. BLACKER: I would like to make a statement before Dr. Hale presents additional nominations. Some may wonder why they do not hear nominations to fill positions, for example, in the North American Missions, ASI, and General Conference Insurance. These are appointed positions, and are handled by the General Conference Committee. Others may wonder why we do not bring in the name of Paul DeBooy, who now serves in the Missionary Volunteer Department. The reason is simple. Elder DeBooy will be serving in the Pacific Union Conference immediately after this session, having been called some weeks ago.

[The nominating committee report was read and adopted. It appears on page 5 of this Bulletin.]

[During the discussion an exchange of views took place having a bearing on the choosing of leadership from among national workers.]

SAMUEL YOUNG: Two days ago we adopted a glorious declaration on human relations. But as I listened to this report, I perceive that all of the officers and departmental staff of the Far Eastern Division are missionaries. There is not one single Far Easterner nominated. I don't understand why this is so. I wonder whether the nominating committee favors our human relations declaration?

W. J. BLACKER: The best I can say on this is that we followed the procedure of

asking the Far Eastern Division group, and other division groups, to gather together in a caucus with one of the General Conference representatives, either a vice-president or a secretary, and to go over very carefully the total work in their field and come to us with recommendations. Now these recommendations have come to the full nominating committee of about 160 members. We have evaluated these recommendations, asked questions about these men, such as their points of origin and their experience. If we felt free we agreed to accept the recommendation and approve them as a body.

W. J. HACKETT: I was the vice-president who met with the Far Eastern Division delegates. The majority of those who caucused were nationals.

SAMUEL YOUNG: What I don't understand is this: In the Far Eastern Division we have more college students than any other division with the exception of the North American Division. And we have more than 200,000 church members. Just why cannot we find one national leader who can serve on the division level?

W. R. BEACH: May I say a word in reply to this question, which is one of the most difficult and significant questions we have before this church. I have been around the world in every division and have met with most of the committees. I have met several times with the committee in the Far East and on three occasions that I can think of now we sat down and discussed, recommended, studied, and endeavored to make arrangements by which nationals could be on the Far Eastern Division staff. We have found that for several reasons it was easier to get them into the General Conference—not because there was any opposition in the Far East to nationals, because the nationals out there are as capable, dedicated, and efficient as they are in any part of the world.

But every time we have discussed this problem in the Far East we found that one or the other of the nationalities couldn't serve in another part of the division. On the division level a man has to be able to go into all parts of the field. While all workers are able to make a contribution, we must take into account certain situations. For instance, in one of our divisions we couldn't place an American, though they wanted one, because his passport would not be acceptable. You have to look at the question from a broad view-

We believe that the goodness of God seen in human behavior is the truly effective element in turning men and women in the direction of goodness, in the direction of God, in the direction of hope. We commit ourselves gladly, affirmatively, and diligently in this direction. We join our students in their desire and effort to find meaning and fulfillment and hope and to share in the mission and destiny of our church—with all our minds and with all our hearts.

point, and certainly we want to see people from all nations contributing to the staffs of our field.

[It was decided to continue the discussion at the next business meeting.]

W. J. HACKETT, *Chairman*.

A. E. GIBB, *Secretary*.

D. S. JOHNSON, *Recording Secretary*.

## Thirteenth Business Meeting

June 18, 1970, 3:00 P.M.

CHAIRMAN: R. R. Bietz.

OPENING HYMN: "Blessed Assurance."

OPENING PRAYER: I. E. Ferris, layman from the New York Conference.

R. R. BIETZ: The thirteenth business meeting of this general session is now convened. I call on the president of the Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Service, W. E. Phillips, to present his report.

W. E. PHILLIPS: [His report appears on page 3 of this Bulletin.]

[George Schram, lay activities director of the Southwestern Union, reported on SAWS work in Texas.]

C. E. GUENTHER: The next report of Adventist welfare work will be by Samuel Monnier, lay activities secretary of the Trans-Mediterranean Division [formerly the Southern European Division].

S. MONNIER: The workers of the Trans-Mediterranean Division are trained to do their share of welfare work. Four years ago we had one welfare center; we now have 25. We have been glad for the opportunity to help in France, Belgium, Switzerland, Sicily, and Yugoslavia. More recently we sent some 30 tons of clothing and medicine to Turkey. It was a thrilling experience to be the first to arrive with help in Romania four days after the terrible flood. The ministers of these countries and the head of the Red Cross came to the airport to receive help from the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

C. E. GUENTHER: Our final report will be brought by Donald Sandstrom, chairman of the SAWS committee for the Inca Union.

D. SANDSTROM: Many have inquired concerning the Peru earthquake. SAWS was the first on the scene to give relief. The day following the quake, Jim Patton, SAWS director in Peru, offered his services. The next day eight tons of food, clothing, and medical supplies, which we had on hand, were airlifted to the center of the affected area. Also SAWS in the U.S. cooperated in sending supplies. Almost every day we have been in contact with Lima by the ham radio that E. M.

Peterson has here in this convention hall.

Today I talked by telephone with Arturo Weisheim, our lay activities director for the Inca Union. He told me that the Church World Service, Catholic Relief, and the Seventh-day Adventist Welfare are the three volunteer agencies recognized by the Peruvian government.

R. R. BIETZ: There was some discussion at the time of the nominating committee report at the close of the last session regarding the Far Eastern Division. There have been some meetings since then discussing the matter. There were two gentlemen who asked for the floor before dismissal. I suggest that we hear these two delegates. After that, we should probably hear from Paul Eldridge, of the Far Eastern Division.

SAMUEL YOUNG: I would like to state first of all that I have nothing against the missionaries who are in the Far Eastern Division. They are all my friends, and I welcome and love them, and thank them for their dedication and their service.

[Elder Young, B. B. Alsaybar from the Philippines, and other delegates, spoke at length on the matter of more leadership at the division level from nationals within the Far East.]

P. H. ELDRIDGE: I would like to state that this question of national leadership at the division level has not been ignored in the Far East. A great deal of time has been spent on it. A questionnaire was sent out to more than 140 workers all around the division—a very comprehensive questionnaire on the subject, which the brethren will remember. They responded, and we have been studying their responses. We have plans that call for implementing national leadership at the division level. We all recognize that we must proceed carefully to see whether it is feasible. There are some nationals who cannot obtain visas to travel in all of the countries in the Far Eastern Division. There are other nationals who are able.

For some time in the past, the Far Eastern Division has been putting emphasis on national leadership. We have been trying to get our local missions nationalized, and in almost every case we have succeeded. Most of our 45 local missions are under the leadership of nationals. We have two unions that are completely under the leadership of nationals and staffed by nationals. We have a number of nationals as departmental secretaries in our various unions. We are building

men and we look forward to using them.

W. R. BEACH: As I understand the situation, we are dealing with one name, because there's only one name before us from the Far East. I don't think this one name is the problem. I think we ought to keep our report as it is. If there is a desire that further and special and specific study be given to finding a solution to this problem in the Far East, I think it would be much better that this group vote a recommendation to the General Conference Committee that they give consideration to it with the Far Eastern Division. We do not want to tie this on one man's name.

[Other delegates from North America and other countries made statements.]

R. R. BIETZ: W. J. Hackett has asked for the floor. After he speaks I am going to put the motion.

W. J. HACKETT: Many of the delegates who are here from the Far Eastern Division are nationals. The majority of those appointed to the nominating committee are nationals. Those nationals were in caucus a few minutes ago and said that we ought to move forward as we are now. I know many of the nationals of the Far East very well, and I do not think that the delegates who have spoken represent the total picture of our national delegation. On the other hand, we must be aware of the fact that these fields are growing, and the problems of intercommunication in the Far East are changing, and the brethren are giving study to these changes.

R. R. BIETZ: Are we ready to vote now? Question has been called. Now the motion before the house is to defer the question to a committee to be appointed here during this session that will be composed of representation from the General Conference and the Far Eastern Division; that this committee will meet with national representation shortly after the General Conference session. [Voted.]

I believe we voted the motion that is before the house this afternoon but did not call for those opposed. The motion was simply that William Clement be the Sabbath school secretary of the Far Eastern Division. What is your desire?

[It was voted.]

[At this time the plans committee presented further recommendations. After a discussion from the floor, W. R. Beach came to the desk.]

W. R. BEACH: It says in the *Manual* that in order to function in the church a

licensed minister must be ordained as an elder in that church. Elsewhere it says that where a licensed minister is elected as elder to serve in several churches he must be ordained as elder and elected in each church. He cannot serve in a number of churches without being elected by each church he serves.

Practically every week letters come from the field calling attention to inconsistencies or ways of improving or problems that are rising in connection with the *Church Manual*. A committee studies these suggestions carefully, and we try to improve the *Manual* from year to year and quadrennium to quadrennium. There will be another session, if the Lord doesn't come before, and if He does the *Church Manual* will not matter. But we will continue to study such items, and any pastor, any church elder, any individual in responsibility, or member that has a problem and thinks it should be taken care of should funnel that through the organization up to the General Conference. There consideration can be given to it, because we do want our *Manual* to be clear.

[Further consideration was given to *Church Manual* amendments and a recommendation concerning radio and television, which were adopted as shown on page 23 of this Bulletin.]

W. J. BLACKER: Just a final statement about the nominating committee. I would like publicly to thank Elder Sandefur, who served as co-chairman of this committee, Dr. Seton, Dr. Hale, and Elder Gadsby, who served as secretaries, and this committee of 160 or more men who are scattered throughout the delegation now. We consider it a privilege to carry out our work, and I was greatly impressed by the attitudes revealed, for the deep love shown for the church, and concern for its welfare everywhere.

[The nominating committee presented further nominees, and voted. The report appears on page 5 of this Bulletin.]

[It was voted to recommend that all unfinished business be referred to the General Conference Committee, and the respective division committees.]

R. R. BIETZ: I am sure we all appreciate the fine work done by the nominating committee.

R. R. BIETZ, *Chairman*.

A. E. GIBB, *Secretary*.

D. S. JOHNSON, W. P. BRADLEY, *Recording Secretaries*.

Mrs. Fred Marsh conducts a deaf choir as it "sings" "Jesus Loves Me" to the session delegates. J. Issler, minister to the deaf in the Southeastern California Conference, is on the left end.



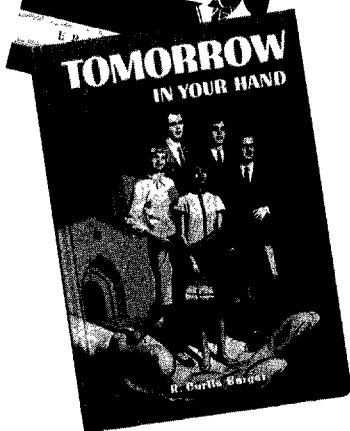
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# Australasian Division

By L. C. NADEN, *President*

The Australasian Division, composed of three union missions and two union conferences, extends across the vast expanse of the South Pacific Ocean from Pitcairn Island in the east across the Australian continent to Perth in West Australia, whose beaches are lapped by the waters of the Indian Ocean. It extends from just north of the equator down to the south below New Zealand.

The thrilling story of missions in our territory began in the year 1886 when John Tay landed on the then infamous but lovely Pitcairn Island and within a few months won all the descendants of the *Bounty* mutineers on the island for God's remnant church.

What happened on Pitcairn Island was symbolic of what was to happen throughout the South Pacific area. The density of Seventh-day Adventists within the Australasian territory is one Seventh-day Adventist for every 210 people living within our territory, the highest percentage in the world. In some of our island mission fields we have as many as one Seventh-day Adventist for every four of the population.

## Baptisms

Four years ago we set a baptismal goal of 20,000 souls, and during this period God gave us 23,242 souls by baptism and profession of faith.

Since that day when John Tay thrilled the Adventist Church with the news that Pitcairn's entire population had become Seventh-day Adventists, God has added to His church in Australasia, on the average, more than 1,000 souls each year.

Our membership at the end of 1969 was 90,720, while our Sabbath school membership approached 120,000. People from almost all racial families on earth can be found living within the Australasian Division; but the five main racial groups in our territory are Melanesian, Polynesian, Micronesian, Australian aboriginal, and Caucasian. When they join the remnant church these varied people become members of God's one great happy family, united in the faith and together striving to finish the work of God on earth and so hastening the homecoming.

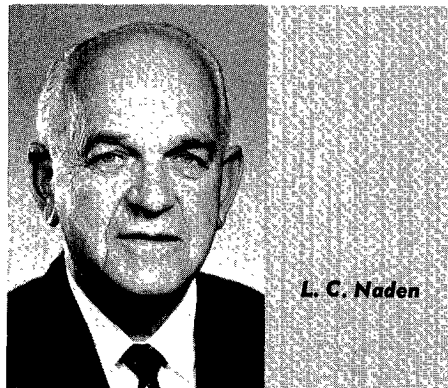
At the present time in the Australasian Division we have 4,166 full-time workers.

## Evidences of Growth and Faithfulness

Evidence of the faithfulness of our people is shown in their tithes for the quadrennium, which amounted to \$18,754,291.87, showing an increase of \$6,070,825.82 over the previous period. Offerings for missions were \$5,295,122.56, an increase of \$1,614,106.72.

The many fine churches in modern dignified design situated in the cities, towns, and villages of the Australasian Division reflect the progress that has been made since our first humble beginnings. We now have 857 organized churches throughout the division.

Strongly featured throughout our field are the annual camp meetings, which provide opportunity for members to fellowship and to renew their allegiance to God and the church. At these camp meetings many thousands of dollars are pledged by our people to support our ever-expanding mission program.



L. C. Naden

Education is a strong feature of the work in the Australasian Division and the broad requirements of modern youth are being served. Three hundred and sixty-five elementary schools are operated throughout the Australasian Division, and in addition there are 24 high schools.

Avondale College, the division's senior college, was established under the direct guidance of the Spirit of Prophecy in a rural setting some 80 miles north of Sydney. Early buildings date back to the turn of the century, but recently new buildings, improved facilities, and updated courses have given Avondale pre-eminence in the field of Christian education.

Kabiufa Adventist College, near Goroka in the New Guinea central highlands, Jones Missionary College in the Bismarck-Solomons Union Mission, Sonoma Adventist Training College near Rabaul, and Fulton Missionary College, Fiji, are the four major institutions of learning in our South Pacific mission fields.

These colleges prepare the young men and women of the mission fields for service as teachers, evangelists, nurses, and office workers. From experienced evangelists, young ministerial students learn modern methods of evangelism. Many of these young men will follow in the foot-

steps of such men as Aisake Kabu, our Fijian radio speaker and evangelist, who baptizes more than 100 souls each year. He is with us here tonight.

Included in our work for aborigines are two Adventist mission schools situated in semidesert country at Wiluna and Karalundi, Western Australia.

## Publishing

Around the world Adventist printing presses never cease to roll. In Australasia we have the Signs Publishing Company. From this publishing house millions of pieces of truth-filled literature are printed and sold annually.

J. W. Nixon, division publishing department secretary, reports literature evangelist sales for the quadrennium amounting to \$2,422,885, with 363 souls won directly as a result of literature evangelism.

## Medical Ministry

Further evidence of the guidance of Ellen G. White during her stay in Australasia is shown in the establishment in 1903 of the Sydney Sanitarium and Hospital at Wahroonga. More than 1,000 nurses have graduated from this hospital, the major proportion of whom have later served in the mission fields of the world. The facilities of the Sydney Sanitarium are no longer adequate. In order to retain our registration as a training institution for nurses we must enlarge the hospital. During the past three years we have worked over architects' plans for an enlarged hospital. Work has already begun on the new section of the hospital and we hope to see this \$6-million project completed in 1972.

The Warburton Sanitarium and Hospital, located in the mountains of southern Victoria, is one of several medical institutions operated within our territory. Physicians especially refer patients to this hospital to benefit from the physical therapy department, where natural treatments are a speciality and where a program of physical medicine is being effectively headed up by Dr. Errol Thrift.

A major medical program is conducted at Togoba Hansende Colony at Mount Hagen and at the Sopas Medical Training Centre, New Guinea, where national nurses are trained for service.

In the Bismarck-Solomons Union there are several medical centers, the newest of these being Atoifi Hospital on the island of Malaita. Established with much sacrifice, the hospital is answering a great need in this remote section of the Solomon Islands. Whether it be in the operating room or in the hospital wards, Dr. Lyn McMahan and his assistants do more than practice the healing arts as they find opportunity to alleviate social ills and give spiritual guidance to a people just emerging from devil worship, ignorance, and superstition. The first Solomon Island Adventist to graduate in medicine, Dr. Posula, assists at this hospital.

Fijian Dr. Joeli, medical superintendent of the New Hebrides SDA Mission Hospital, at Aore, New Hebrides, also keeps the Adventist flag flying high in that mission.

From the early days of the Seventh-day Adventist work in Australasia the manufacture of health foods not only has provided employment for a large number of church members, including college students, but also has provided funds for an ever-expanding foreign mission program. The denominationally owned Sanitarium Health Food Company produces 23,500 tons of food annually and has a gross sales figure of \$15 million each year.

#### Welfare Service

The welfare department of the Australasian Division each year collects and distributes throughout our mission areas 2,500 corn sacks of clothing.

The kindly mothers of the church in all lands within the division find happiness in sharing, as they prepare clothing for needy families and visit those in need.

In the area of welfare for the aged, a number of pleasantly situated retired persons' homes and village communities care for aging church members in both Australia and New Zealand.

#### Lay Evangelism

A very strong work is being done in the home fields of the Australasian Division and in its mission outreach by the 90,000 lay men and women who collectively have given almost one million Bible studies during the past quadrennium.

At Vailoa, in Samoa, a full two-year course of training for lay men and women is provided. Many of these laymen later find a place in full-time service within the ranks of the ministry while others continue as lay evangelists.

#### Radio-TV Evangelism

In our mission field 11 regular weekly broadcasters are each supported by an associated Bible correspondence school.

In the home field of Australia, Roy Naden is featured in our television program Focus on Living, which is making a tremendous impact in the cities of the Commonwealth. Pastor Naden is also the speaker on our weekly These Times radio network. A second network of radio stations in Australia airs On the

Beam, a weekly current events discussion program. Two radio-TV Bible correspondence schools serve the home field, supporting our ministry of the air, which was responsible for the baptism of 4,000 persons during the quadrennium.

#### Youth Evangelism

The Missionary Volunteer Societies are providing the youth of the church with a program for recreation, personal development, and soul-winning activities, which include public evangelistic campaigns aimed at the conversion of non-Adventist youth.

Throughout the Pacific new challenges face us as once-untamed jungles become bustling towns and expanding centers for emerging nations.

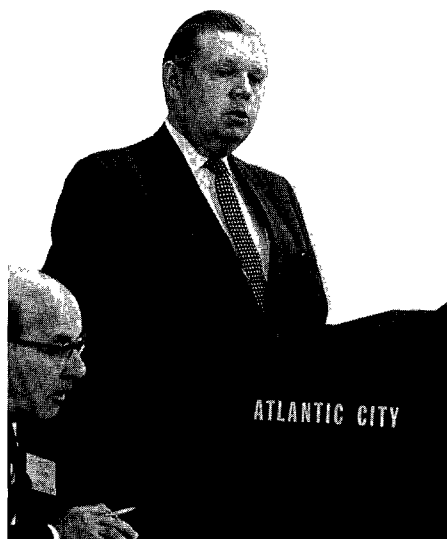
The backbone of New Guinea is a massive mountain complex terrifyingly beautiful, staggering in its proportions. The airplanes of the Coral Sea Union Mission, manned by dedicated pilots, fly daily into these rugged regions carrying personnel, and medical and other supplies to remote mission outposts. Without the use of the airplanes, missionary pilots would be forced to tramp uphill and down for many weeks in order to visit remote villages. We thank J. L. Tucker and his listeners to The Quiet Hour program for the latest addition

to our fleet, a 1969 Aztec two-engined plane valued at \$75,000.

Twenty-five mission ships dedicated to medical and gospel ministry ply the far-flung waters of the territory of the Australasian Division.

The government of New Guinea reports that patrols have recently discovered practicing cannibals in a remote area of New Guinea. In contrast to these people is the Adventist village now being established nearby where neat and clean people now worship in a palm-thatched church.

We praise God for what has been done during the past quadrennium, but not satisfied with past accomplishments, we are determined that by 1972, by God's grace and with the dedicated endeavors of His people, we will have 100,000 baptized church members in the Australasian Division. This will be done by personal witness, by radio and television, through youth evangelism, by public evangelism, village evangelism, and medical ministry, through temperance society action, an enlarged literature evangelism program, through welfare ministry and the important ministry of Christian education, so that when the work is done, we with the saints of God of all ages will be gathered home to His kingdom of glory and peace.



*Far left: Floyd E. Rittenhouse, Pacific Union College president, offers his comments on a matter of procedure during a meeting of the nominating committee. Upper: Committee Chairman W. J. Blacker makes a point as B. E. Seton, committee secretary, pays close attention. Lower: Partial view of a nominating committee meeting.*





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**Four of the recording secretaries at work. Left to right: Betty Brooks, Mary Barger, Merlene Wilson, and Edna Edeburn.**

**Clayton Forshee, session manager, giving assistance to Henri Long, principal, training school, Indian Ocean Union Mission.**



**Genevieve Melendy, who regularly operates the General Conference switchboard, is one of the operators for the GC session.**



# Seen Behind

By LAWRENCE MAXWELL

A report from the plans committee is to be considered in one of the business sessions. "Does everyone have a copy of the report?" asks the chairman. At once a corps of ushers begin distributing mimeographed sheets. . . . A delegate reaches for his raincoat and realizes he has lost it. He hurries to the lost-and-found department to see whether anyone has turned it in. . . . An urgent message is received from the headquarters of one of our overseas fields; an answer is needed immediately. Within minutes the president of the field is contacted, the message is delivered, and the answer is on its way back.

Mimeographing, finding lost articles, delivering messages—services such as these are absolutely essential to a great gathering like this, but they go largely unnoticed. The REVIEW's photographers, Byron Logan and Bill Clendaniel, wend around the auditorium one day discovering something of what can be seen behind the scenes.

Tucked away out of sight in one corner of Room A on the north side of the platform they found Genevieve Melendy sitting at a telephone switchboard and handling calls between the 30 telephones in various widely scattered locations around the vast building. The telephone company set them up especially for this session. Miss Melendy feels quite at home doing this, for she is one of the regular operators for the General Conference office in Takoma Park.

Close to the switchboard are desks for six secretaries. During the twice-daily business sessions these secretaries sit at a table in front of the platform recording everything that is said, on dictation machines. After a machine has been recording for about five minutes one of the secretaries switches the recording to a second machine, hurries to Room A, and begins to transcribe. This process is repeated during every business session. The secretaries take turns typing this material, and after some polishing and editing by the General Conference associate secretaries assigned as recording secretaries for this fifty-first session—W. P. Bradley, R. R. Frame, A. E. Gibb, and D. S. Johnson—the minutes appear in the General Conference Bulletin.

As the photographers prowled around they crossed over to the south side of the platform, to Room B. There, at a long line of desks sat the secretaries of the secretarial pool. Under the leadership of June Vogt and Betty Holbrook these ladies prepare the materials that must be distributed to the delegates. They cut stencils of committee recommendations and run off thousands of copies on three duplicating machines. The printed sheets are collated and



Betty Holbrook and Robert E. Osborn chat with June Vogt.



Gordon Travis, of California, and Al McLeod, of Parkersburg, West Virginia (left to right), two of the post office clerks.

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# the Scenes

stapled, then counted and arranged in bundles for quick distribution by ushers under the direction of R. E. Osborn. Pamphlets and other items to be distributed also are counted out in this office.

Our roving photographers then walked (*hiked* might be a better word!) to the main-entrance lobby, where they found the message center that provides the invaluable service of keeping people in touch—a labor that, I might say, is difficult enough to frighten even the fabled Hercules. A. E. Harms and his associates in this office have set up a file that includes names, hotels, and telephone numbers of all who have registered, and they answer streams of questioners who want to know where their friends or the delegates can be located. When telephone messages are received every effort is made to deliver them to the right persons. Ordinary messages may be filed with a person's file card, where they wait until the person comes and asks for them. But if a message is urgent word is sent to the platform, and a notice is posted on a translucent illuminated screen large enough to be read anywhere in the hall: "Z. Y. Blank, report to message center. Urgent."

Directly across the hall our photographers came to the lost-and-found department, which is combined with the post office. In spite of the dismaying consequences that this combination of functions suggests, Gordon Travis assures us that the mail is never lost. But a host of other items certainly do get lost and accumulate here to be claimed—umbrellas, cameras, sunglasses, purses, keys, gloves, and even a great stack of Bibles.

Across the entrance lobby, on the north side, is the manager's office. We arrived just as Clayton Forshee was helping Henri Strand, president of the Indian Ocean Union Training School in Madagascar. Brother Forshee says he handles a large number of requests—for repairing typewriters, for additional desks or chairs in the various offices, and for numerous other items that have to do with the mechanics of the session. Many of these problems his office takes care of immediately; others he forwards to the office of the manager of the auditorium, who, Forshee says, "has given us wonderful cooperation."

Finally, the photographers return to their headquarters—two darkrooms on the mezzanine floor directly across from Committee Room 6, the REVIEW editorial office. Here "behind the scenes" they produce the pictures that are helping this General Conference session come alive to REVIEW readers around the world.



GC secretarial pool. (Left to right): Maybelle Fordham, Marvella Anderson, Jean Chappel, Linda Randolph, Edna Tardiff, Marie Spangler, Florence Hall, Clara Gilbert.

A. E. Harms (in background) on duty in the message center.



Merlene Wilson, one of the recording secretaries, is secretary to W. Melvin Adams, of the GC Religious Liberty Department.

# Inter-American Division

By C. L. POWERS, *President*

Inter-America's Seventh-day Adventists, 270,000 of them, send Christian greetings to the church in session. They want you to know that their faith has never been stronger, their confidence more sure, nor their zeal greater.

While some countries in Inter-America have recorded unprecedented progress during the past four years, a few have had to face difficult reverses. And while most governments have enjoyed uninterrupted peace, others have had to cope with guerrilla raids, riots, border clashes, and behind the Communist curtain there has been a firming up of power. Yet through all this the church in every country of the Inter-American Division has experienced steady growth. As one of our union presidents termed it, the past quadrennium has been the "era of the open door." For this we are deeply grateful and with the psalmist exclaim, "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad" (Ps. 126:3).

"We are glad" for our territory's largest, most populous country—colorful Mexico—whose current 45,000 church members represent an increase of 10,500 during the past four years. "Great things" have been done for us too in the five Central American republics and Panama, where 28,000 Sabbathkeeping Adventists are united in Christian love and purpose. And in Colombia, Venezuela, the ABC islands of the Netherlands Antilles (Aruba, Bonaire, and Curaçao), and the Colombian islands, 36,500 church members now enjoy unprecedented recognition and freedom to work. Adding to our Spanish-speaking members is the reorganized Antillian Union, its 24,500 baptized Adventists about evenly divided between the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico. And finally Cuba. Seven thousand members of the remnant church there are fervent in their worship, regardless of cost.

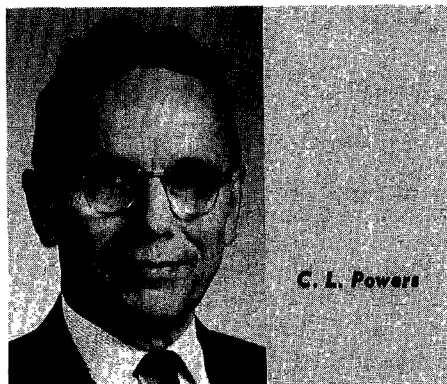
Equally impressive are the 35,000 members of the Caribbean Union Conference busily sharing their faith in the English-speaking Leeward and Windward islands, Guyana and Surinam. The West Indies Union Conference, with 56,000 baptized Sabbathkeepers in Jamaica, the Bahamas, the Caymans, the Turks, and Caicos islands, records one of our heaviest concentrations of church members in the world. For example, Jamaica averages 12 Adventists to each square mile.

In still another language, our French-speaking Franco-Haitian Union's 38,000 members living in Haiti, Martinique, Guadeloupe, and French Guiana, add a special gentleness and a taste of French culture to our division.

With good reason we never cease to

thank God for what He has done in these Inter-American lands. During the past four years we have seen more than 93,000 members added to the Advent Church either by baptism or by profession of faith; on an average, a new church of 64 members was formed every 24 hours. This has resulted in a steady growth in membership—from 204,227 in June, 1966, to about 270,000 today. The Inter-American family worships in 1,761 organized churches and nearly twice that many companies.

In Advent circles the countries "south of the border" are no longer the lands of *mañana*. Love of souls, expressed ac-



tively in evangelism, has united administrators, ministers, teachers, medical workers, colporteurs, youth, and laymen into a dynamic working force for the saving of the lost. Thrilling reports from every part of the division testify to Heaven's blessing on their labor.

## Successful Jamaica Campaign

During the latter part of 1969, J. C. Palmer, of the West Jamaica Conference, held an effort in Lucea, a small town on the west coast of Jamaica. His team of five young men, including student missionary John Watkins, drew an average of 2,000 to the meeting every night. Even when the rains came, those who were interested continued to attend. The visiting list grew to more than 1,300 names. Opposition from other churches served only to unite the team in earnest prayer and hard work. At the end of eight weeks 270 souls were baptized, and before the drive was concluded, the Holy Spirit had wooed 415 new members to the church. Similar experiences in every field attest to the power of God at work among us.

Such remarkable achievement certifies the expressed purposes and methods of Inter-American administrators during

this quadrennium: revival and reformation within the church, accompanied by an outreach for souls. The program that Jose Chavanz, president of the Panama Conference, has outlined for 1970 lists activities designed to implement the church's program:

- a. 27 evangelistic crusades launched by workers,
- b. 26 lay efforts conducted by laymen,
- c. 7 Voice of Youth efforts held by MV's,
- d. 28 revival meetings held for church members,
- e. all 39 churches working to organize more branch Sabbath schools.

We praise God for such vision!

During the past quadrennium the visits of two General Conference evangelists have had a far-reaching influence on soul winning in Inter-America. In 1966 arrangements were made for E. E. Cleveland to conduct a school of evangelism in Port of Spain, Trinidad. Along with that school, a city-wide evangelistic crusade was launched on September 11, 1966, with 3,300 in attendance. The number of hearers increased until a second tent had to be erected; and ten weeks later, on the final night of the effort, more than 7,000 packed into the two tents. As a result of these meetings 812 were baptized during the month of November. The follow-up effort conducted by G. H. Rainey, of the Atlantic Union, increased the number of baptisms to 1,222.

The influence of Elder Cleveland's visit reached far into division territory. The 46 ministers who worked with him returned to their fields with a new concept of evangelism. As they put into practice the methods they had learned, their baptisms increased.

Then early in 1968 the Franco-Haitian Union was privileged to have W. W. Fordham launch a major campaign in the Port-au-Prince, Haiti, evangelistic center. Although through faith our workers and members envisioned a large audience, they were not prepared for the overwhelming response on opening night. Long before the song service began, the auditorium was full, and standing room was at a premium in the large patio outside. More than 7,000 people came to hear Elder Fordham's opening message. Before he left Haiti ten weeks later, 450 new converts had been baptized.

Moreover, the training and inspiration that the workers received from this visit continue to produce fruit here. Last year the North Haiti Mission, with only six ordained ministers, baptized 1,603 new believers.

Although there has been a special concentration on big-city evangelism, hundreds of small efforts have been the means of bringing men and women to Christ. Late last year, for instance, a novena for the soul of a departed loved one, a Catholic custom of celebrating nine nights of prayer, was turned into a unique evangelistic effort in Añasco, Puerto Rico. This is how it happened.

One of our older church members, Andrea Rivera de Feliciano, had ten children, each of whom has a large family.

Although the children adored their mother, they would never listen when she talked to them about her faith. When Señora Feliciana was about to die, she asked her pastor somehow to talk to her children, and suggested that perhaps he could do it by holding a novena of Adventist meetings. Pastor Elias Lopez agreed. At the funeral he invited the family to attend the novena to be held in Señora Feliciana's house. The services took on great meaning for the family. The first night they came with beads and prayer books, but gradually such objects disappeared. As the services became Adventist in nature, interest grew in the full Bible message.

When the nine services were concluded, Pastor Lopez suggested that the family continue meeting. About 40 responded, and Sister Feliciana's home was remodeled as a church. The following weekend 36 gathered to keep their first Sabbath. Attendance grew. In just three months' time, on Sabbath, February 14 of this year, the first baptismal service was held—for ten new believers. The group, now known as the Esperanza church, was not content just to hear and accept. They are holding a branch Sabbath school in the home of a relative in Mayagüez.

In Inter-America, laymen form an important part of the evangelistic team. With the acute shortage of workers, laymen carry heavy responsibilities. In some fields, where ministers have 10, 20, even 30 churches and companies to shepherd, laymen help to carry church programs. Constrained by love for souls, they also hold village and home efforts.

In the Villahermosa district of the Southeast Mexico Mission, a stranger appeared at the Fronteras, Tabasco, church asking for the man in charge. The church elder, Francisco Tejada, came to help him. The visitor, the mayor of a small town called Ejido, explained that he had found in his study of the Bible that the Sabbath is the day to keep holy. In his search for a church that keeps the Sabbath, someone had told him about the Fronteras Seventh-day Adventist church.

That afternoon Brother Tejada went to Ejido with the mayor and was surprised to find almost the whole town, about 200 persons, waiting for the opening of God's Word. After his second visit Brother Tejada made an appointment with Jose Hayasaka, the district pastor, to meet him in Ejido. Again the whole town came out to hear the Word of God. After that meeting arrangements were made for a group of laymen to hold public meetings in Ejido every week and to go from house to house to study with the people.

At the close of 1969, when Pastor Hayasaka sent this report, about 150 interested people were studying in the baptismal class. One man had donated his home to serve as a meeting place. Workers there believe that at least 100 will soon be baptized in Ejido and another organized church added to the roster of Seventh-day Adventist churches in Mexico.

Andres H. Riffel, lay activities secretary of the division, reports that through

the work of the laymen 49,339 people were added to the church in Inter-America during the past quadrennium. These same laymen gave more than 8 million Bible studies, made 31 million contacts, and distributed 15 million pieces of literature.

Typical of Inter-America's laymen is Jose Manuel Ramirez, of Puerto Limón, Costa Rica. Although he sells medicines and other merchandise from house to house, he takes opportunity to speak to his customers about Jesus, leaves a tract with them, and returns to visit those who show an interest in receiving Bible studies. In this way Brother Ramirez won 67 souls last year. He has set as his personal goal for 1970 the distribution of 10,000 tracts, using 25 Bibles in the Gift Bible Plan, and leading 100 souls to the Saviour.

### Sabbath School Evangelism

One of the most effective methods that Inter-American laymen use to win souls is the branch Sabbath school. When this plan is explained to him, the layman recognizes it as a means he can use to bring souls to the Master. Testifying to the fervor of Inter-America's laymen, T. R. Haylock, division Sabbath school secretary, reports that 68,259 branch Sabbath schools were organized during the past quadrennium, a gain of 27,816 over the previous four years. A visitor to Inter-America would find branch Sabbath schools meeting under trees, in shelters, in private homes, even in churches. Literally everywhere!

And branch Sabbath schools give results. Very briefly here are four examples: Stephen Norbal's branch Sabbath school, organized last year in Grand Rivière, on the island of St. Lucia, has resulted in 17 baptisms so far; the La Florida, Guatemala, church, organized in 1969 with a charter membership of 45, began as a branch Sabbath school; in Plaisance, Haiti, church members are currently holding 103 branch Sabbath schools weekly, one of which recorded four baptisms in March, 1970; the San Antonio de Cortés, Honduras, group of 30 members began as a branch Sabbath school, a project of the academy at Peña Blanca, Honduras. This group dedicated their new church home early this year.

At the close of 1969 there were 309,366 members enrolled in the division's 3,896 Sabbath schools. It should not be forgotten that for every organized Sabbath school there are 18 branch Sabbath schools in Inter-America. Membership, including these branch schools, totals 390,477.

### Radio Evangelism

Another powerful soul-winning agency is radio evangelism. At the close of 1969 the Voice of Prophecy program was being transmitted weekly over 441 stations in Inter-America. Hand in hand with the radio program is the Bible school. From 1966 to 1969, 88,188 students graduated from a Bible course, 11,282 of whom were baptized during the quadrennium.

In Mexico, radio Bible school lessons are used to prepare the way for public evangelism. A few weeks before an effort

is to begin, laymen who call themselves missionary mailmen canvass the neighborhood systematically, inviting the people to enroll in a Bible course. Week after week they return to the same homes with new lessons. If anyone needs help, they give it. All of them work toward a target date for the graduation program, which serves as an introduction to the evangelistic meetings to follow.

### Youth Evangelism

The MV membership of the division has steadily climbed from 73,000 in June, 1966, to almost 98,000 at the close of December, 1969, an increase of 25,000 in three and one-half years. According to division youth leader George W. Brown, "The priority thrust of the youth department is evangelism. During the past quadrennium, the youth of Inter-America have intensified their evangelistic efforts. Employing the Big Five methods, they have engaged in 70,000 evangelistic projects, which have yielded more than 24,000 baptisms."

The introduction of Youth Baptism Day has added fresh stimulus to the enthusiasm for young people's evangelism. Two such days in 1968 and 1969 yielded a total of more than 9,000 baptisms. The last Youth Baptism Day of this quadrennium was May 30. Although the reports are not in, baptisms will surely reach 5,000, putting the MV department over its goal of 28,000 for this quadrennium.

Who can remain uninspired by the youth fervor of Carlyle Baines, a university student in Barbados? Twice during this quadrennium he launched model Voice of Youth crusades, which resulted in bringing 53 persons to Christ.

Also typical of Inter-America's youth is Irma Carresco, of San Miguelito, Panama. Under her leadership a small youth group organized a revival series, which became a full-fledged Voice of Youth campaign. As a result, 14 young people were baptized into the fellowship of the church. Similar soul-winning exploits can be related in all seven unions of the division. With such an army of youth, the future of Inter-America is bright!

### Education

The youth of Inter-America are our greatest wealth, and educating them for Christ is our mandate; on them depends the future of the church. Charles R. Taylor, division education secretary, reports a total enrollment of 36,513 in Inter-American Seventh-day Adventist schools, an increase of 4,525 in the past 16 months.

Our eight colleges, 53 secondary, and 354 elementary schools mark an increase of 89 educational institutions over 1966; but still there are hundreds of students denied entrance every year because of lack of facilities, despite the continuous program of building and enlarging. Instructional improvements also are being made, particularly in the upgrading of courses.

During the past quadrennium medical work in Inter-America has made steady progress under the direction of Herald Habenicht.



On February 11, 1968, the Franco-Haitian Union inaugurated its first medical institution, the Polyclinique Adventiste, on the grounds of the Franco-Haitian Seminary, near Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Yvon Isaac is the full-time resident physician. The physicians of Bella Vista Hospital also visit on a rotating basis, spending one week every month. The donation of the equipment of an entire hospital by Julius Dietrich of McMinnville, Tennessee, has brought dreams of the clinic's growth into a modern hospital much nearer to reality.

On March 28 the Netherlands Antilles Adventist Hospital opened. A series of providential events made this modern 50-bed hospital available to the Seventh-day Adventist Church, thus giving the church its first medical work in the Dutch islands and its first medical institution in the Colombia-Venezuela Union.

Bella Vista Hospital in Puerto Rico and Andrews Memorial Hospital in Jamaica are engaged in fund-raising campaigns for expansion. Bella Vista Hospital has already graduated two classes of registered nurses. The increase in bed capacity from the expansion program will allow the hospital to begin an internship and residency program which will make it an important training center for Seventh-day Adventist doctors.

In Central America and in Colombia-Venezuela the wives of the respective union presidents held nutrition and cooking classes in their fields. Scores of workers' wives and other interested homemakers finished their courses and returned to their districts to teach church members how to be more healthy.

In a dozen lands the Five-Day Plan has been conducted successfully for the four largest language groups. Physicians from each of the six major Seventh-day Adventist hospitals have cooperated in these educational programs.

#### Literature Evangelism

The publishing department, under the direction of its secretary, Nicolas Chaij, and associate secretary, L. A. Ramirez, recorded new heights of achievement in sales and souls during the past four years—\$7 million in deliveries and 6,147 persons won. Three colporteurs in Mexico alone won a total of 68 in 1969.

Inter-American colporteurs are known for their ability to do the impossible. Judith Ramos, for instance, has her own stall in the San Juan, Puerto Rico, airport, where she is selling an average of 3,000 *Centinelas* a month.

In Mexico City, Israel Cruz sold a set of *The Bible Story* to a priest. Some months later the priest told him, "This is the kind of book the people need." The colporteur timidly suggested that perhaps the following Sunday he could go to the Catholic church and offer the books to the parishioners. Incredible as it may seem, the priest answered, "Fine. Come, and I will recommend the books during mass." The following four Sundays Cruz and a companion sold 12 sets of books to the people. Another priest bought two sets of *The Bible Story* for himself and gave the two colporteurs permission to sell their books in his

church also. Relating this experience, Brother Cruz said in conclusion, "I now have permission from six priests to offer these books in their churches."

#### Stewardship and Development

As membership grows and statistics soar, our needs are compounded. To meet the demands, pastors and laymen alike have welcomed stewardship education with open arms. New in the division, this plan is solving problems. Literally hundreds of church homes are under construction throughout Inter-America, but hundreds more are needed to house the increasing companies of people who gather from Sabbath to Sabbath.

G. E. Smith, stewardship and development secretary, reports:

"In the past few months, three of the unions have added secretaries for the department of stewardship, so that six of the seven unions in Inter-America are giving special promotion to this important phase of the work, while the seventh has a strong work going on in two of its missions. A total of 16 stewardship secretaries are now active throughout the division, and since June, 1969, 22 workers' meetings, seven union councils, and a division council have given special promotion to this new department. We continue to pray for the spiritual impact 'from the heart out' that will continue to add members to the church and swell the increasing tithes and offerings for the finishing of the work of God in this division."

In conclusion I should like to express my appreciation for the counsel and support of my fellow officers, B. L. Archbold, division secretary, and A. Ray Norcliffe, division treasurer.

I should like to pay tribute also to the men who have so ably guided the

work in the seven unions during the past quadrennium: W. T. Collins, Antillian Union; G. O. Adams, Caribbean Union; Glenn E. Maxson, Central American Union; S. L. Folkenberg, Colombia-Venezuela Union; W. R. Vail, Franco-Haitian Union; Alfredo Aeschlimann, Mexican Union; and H. S. Walters, West Indies Union. These men are real leaders in God's cause, and He has greatly blessed their labor.

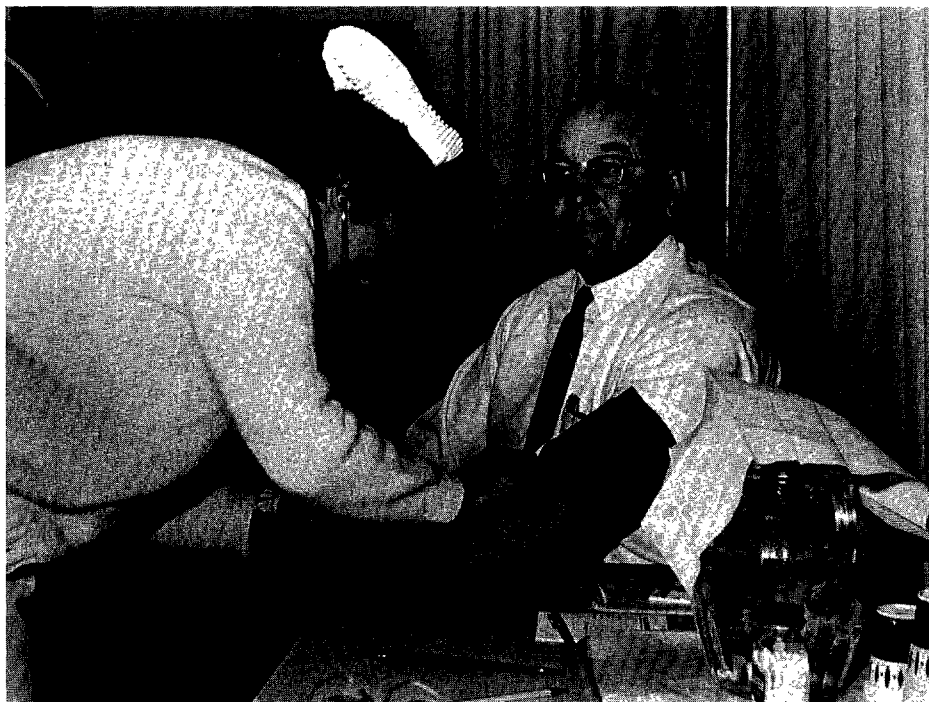
I also wish to honor the 142 overseas and 3,620 national workers, including 493 regular colporteurs. These men have worked early and late, in sunshine and rain, in prosperity and in scarcity, to dare great exploits for God.

Tonight we pay homage to our leaders of the past, who so faithfully guided this division from the beginning: E. E. Andross, G. A. Roberts, E. F. Hackman, Glenn Calkins, and especially to Arthur H. Roth, for his 26 years of dedicated labor in Inter-America, eight of them as division president. Foundations so carefully laid by these men of God give strength to the church today.

We thank our eternal Father for His guidance during the past four years, for the privilege of working with Him, for the souls He gave us, for safety and protection in our travels. For His care and love for His Inter-American children our hearts overflow with gratitude.

However, the burden of the unfinished task lies heavy on our hearts. The 346 Indian tribes who have never met Jesus, the hundreds of unentered towns and villages that have never been warned, the thousands living in teeming cities who have never heard—these present an enormous challenge.

Tonight we wholeheartedly rededicate ourselves to completing the task. And in His strength we face the future with courage and confidence.



Convention Hall Nurse Mary Brown, who alternates with staff from Washington Sanitarium, takes blood pressure of Abe Lorenz, from Cheyenne, Wyoming, at the first-aid station.

# Partial Report of the Plans Committee

[At the twelfth business meeting, 9:00 A.M., June 18, the following amendments were submitted to the delegates and approved.]

## Further Church Manual Amendments

### Church Officers and Their Duties

[Additions in italics; deletions in parentheses.]

4. That the first sentence of the paragraph beginning at the bottom of page 79, chapter 6, be amended to read:

The Office an Important One.—In the work and organization of the church (except where a local pastor has been provided by the conference), *if a pastor has not been provided by the conference or mission the office of elder ranks as the highest and most important.*

5. That the first sentence of the first full paragraph on page 80 be amended to read:

A Religious Leader of the Church.—The local church elder (in the absence of the pastor) *is always a spiritual leader in the church; in the absence of a pastor, he is the religious leader of the church.*

6. That the first sentence of the first paragraph on page 82 be amended to read:

Work of Church Elder Is Local.—(The work of a church elder) *The authority and work of an ordained local elder are confined to the church electing him.*

7. That the first two lines of the second paragraph on page 82 be amended to read:

To Foster All Lines of Missionary Work.—(in the absence of a pastor) *Under the pastor and in the absence of a pastor, not only is the local elder (the) A spiritual leader of the church, (but) he is responsible for fostering all branches and departments of the work.*

8. That the following sentence be added after the first full paragraph on page 83:

*If the appointed pastor is a licensed minister, the local church or churches that he serves should elect him as an elder.*

9. That the first sentence, last paragraph on page 83 be amended to read:

Conduct of Church Services.—(In) *Under the pastor or in the absence of (the) a pastor, the elder is responsible for the services of the church.*

10. That the following new paragraph be inserted on page 84, after the first lines at top of page:

Business Meetings.—*The pastor shall serve as the chairman of the business meeting, and in his absence the elder shall officiate as chairman.*

11. That the first sentence in the second full paragraph, page 84, be amended as follows:

The Marriage Ceremony.—(The local elder is not authorized to perform the marriage ceremony; this service can be conducted only by an ordained minister.) *In the marriage ceremony the charge, vows, and declaration of marriage are given only by the ordained minister. Either the ordained minister, licensed*

*minister, or the local elder, may officiate in delivering the sermon, offering the prayer, or in giving the blessing.*

12. That the last sentence of the second full paragraph, page 84, be amended to read:

In such cases our members usually retire to the home or place of worship, where a special service is conducted by (an ordained) *a minister, to seek the blessing of the Lord upon the couple.*

13. That the first paragraph, page 104, be amended to provide for the Home and School Fellowship leader, the Pathfinder director, the radio-TV secretary, and the temperance secretary, to serve as members of the church board.

14. That the last paragraph, page 104, be amended to read:

(It is understood that where) *Where there is a pastor appointed by the (conference or) local field, he is a member of the church board and serves as its chairman; or if he prefers not to act as chairman, he may arrange for the elder to preside.*

[At the thirteenth business meeting, 3:00 P.M., June 18, the following recommendation was submitted to the delegates, and approved unanimously.]

## Further Church Manual Amendments

### The Service and Meetings

15. That a new sentence be added at the beginning of the first full paragraph, page 114, as follows:

*The elder, particularly if he is a licensed minister, collaborates with the regular pastor in planning the order of the service.*

16. That the fourth sentence, first paragraph, page 115, be amended to read:

During this time the minister, *licensed minister, or elder* quietly walks to the door, where he will be ready to greet the people.

17. That the fourth sentence, first paragraph, page 117 be amended to read:

After the singing of a hymn the minister or *officiating elder* removes the white linen covering from the bread, then reads 1 Corinthians 11:23, 24, or a suitable passage from the Gospels, after which the blessing of God is asked on the emblems.

18. That the last full paragraph, page 117, be amended to read:

Each person should retain his portion of the bread until the officiating minister or elder has been served, so that all may partake together. When the deacons return from serving the congregation the minister or *officiating elder* serves them; then one of the deacons, taking the plate, serves the minister or *the officiating elder*. If two ordained men (*ordained as minister or as elder*) are officiating, they serve each other. All should be seated and offer silent prayer while the bread is eaten.

19. That the second full paragraph, page 130, be amended to read:

Church business meetings Duly called by the pastor, may be held monthly or

quarterly, according to the needs of the church. We recognize as a duly called business meeting of the church, a meeting which has been called at the regular Sabbath worship service, together with proper announcement as to the time and place of such meeting. At such meetings, at which the pastor will preside, full information should be given to the congregation regarding the work of the church; and at the close of the year, reports should be rendered covering the activities of the church for the entire year. When possible, reports should be presented in writing and should comprise the following activities (the pastor may arrange for the local elder to preside in his absence):

### Auxiliary Organizations of the Church and Their Officers

20. That in harmony with the 1967 Autumn Council Action, paragraph 3, page 135, be amended to read:

Lay Activities Council. This council shall consist of the following: The lay activities leader (chairman), the pastor, an elder, lay activities secretary, treasurer, Dorcas-Welfare Society leader, Dorcas-Welfare Society secretary, men's organization leader, *MV secretary*, director of the health and welfare center, health secretary, *Radio-Television secretary*.

21. That on page 141 the Vacation Bible School director be added to the list of Sabbath school officers.

22. That the last sentence in the last paragraph on page 147 be amended to read:

The secretary should make the report in quadruplicate—the original for the conference Sabbath school secretary, and a copy each to the Sabbath school superintendent, and one for the secretary's permanent file.

23. That a new paragraph be added following the first full paragraph, page 158:

*MV Classes—Two personal development classes are offered for senior youth. These are Guide and Master Guide. An insigne is awarded to those who qualify in each class.*

24. That the second to the last paragraph, page 163, be amended to read:

In junior academies, and in elementary schools the principal or the head teacher of the school should be a member of the board.

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In 1889 a company of Sabbathkeeping Adventists began to publish a paper called *The Present Truth*. In 1899 they also published for issues of *The Advent Review*, later that year in November, three two-page papers merged under the name *Young Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, now titled simply *Review and Herald*. Its editorial objective remains unchanged—to preach "the everlasting gospel" in the context of the Sabbath, the Second Advent, and other truths distinctive of the Advent Movement.

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Right, one of the residential sections of Huaraz is now rubble. Below, SAWS workers found Arnoldo Enriquez, pastor of the Huaraz district, living in a makeshift tent with his family after the devastating earthquake. Many other families are not as fortunate.



### Visitor to Session Drowns

Tragedy touched the audience at the Thursday evening meeting when it was announced that a visitor to the session had drowned. Willy Frick, husband of a member of the German Manhattan, New York, church, was caught in the Atlantic Ocean undertow. He leaves his wife, Olga, and a nine-year-old son.

### Forty-two Members Dead or Missing

Latest reports from Peru indicate that about 25 church members have lost their lives in the recent earthquake. In the city of Jungai, which was totally destroyed, 17 members are missing. About 90 per cent of our members in the affected area had their houses demolished. Some 15 church buildings and chapels, and several schools, have been destroyed. All pastors and teachers are reported safe.

Contact has been maintained with the situation in Peru by amateur radio station WC2SDA, situated in Convention Hall, Atlantic City, as well as by telephone.

Medical and relief supplies furnished by SAWS, and Dr. Eliodoro Alayza, have been flown in to Huaraz, a severely hit city about 10,000 feet above sea level.

Gratitude has been expressed by our church members and government officials for the help extended by the church.

D. J. SANDSTROM  
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Gillermo Bonilla, SAWS public relations worker, stands in front of the rubble of the church and school in Chimbote. The hand-lettered sign says, "Don't lean on the walls."

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